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Sat. 12/20 • 12-1:30pm
43 Sunrise Ave. • $999,000
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201 Bull Path • $3,500,000
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Sat. 12/20 • 11am-1pm
70 Runnymeade Drive • $549,000
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Bridgehampton Office 631.537.5900

Sat. 12/20 • 12-2pm
28 Harbor Blvd. • $545,000
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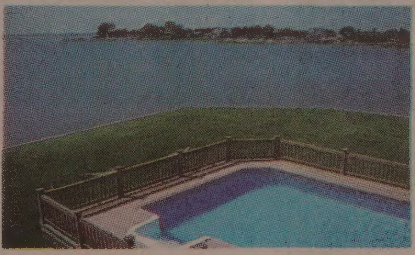

Sat. 12/20 • 11:30am-1:30pm
40 Old Fort Lane • $3,395,000
180° bay views. 6BR, 4.5BA trad. on .44 acres. 300 ft. bulkhead, a slip for 36' boat and pool overlooking the bay. Excl. Dir: West on Old Montauk Hwy, left on Old Fort Ln. F#67206 | Web#H35924.
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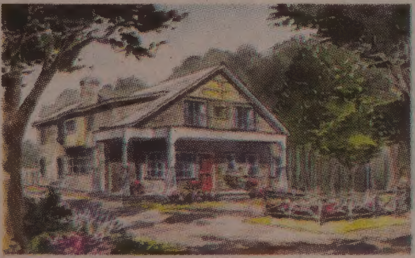

Sat. 12/20 • 12-2pm
70 Moses Lane • $3,200,000
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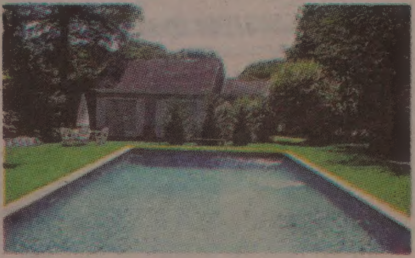

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Sat. 12/20 • 1:30-3:30pm
50 Hubbard Lane, Unit 46 • $639,000
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Sun. 12/21 • 2-3:30pm
5 Lower Seven Ponds Rd • $1,565,000
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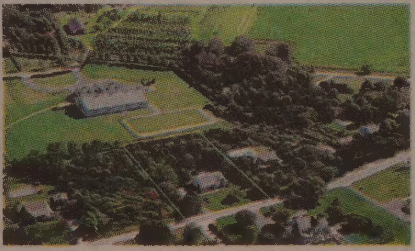

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Announcing the Upcoming Tours Lineup...

"1964: The Tribute" ('Beatles' concert) at Carnegie Hall – Sat., Jan. 10th – $180 pp. – This is our 3rd annual excursion to the finest Beatles tribute concert you'll ever experience – The exceptional talent of these remarkable men will ensure a sensational concert experience. They are world renowned and dubbed "the best Beatles Tribute Show on earth" by Rolling Stone Magazine. Featuring Robert Miller and Orchestra and Special Guest Gary Mule Deer. Combine a wonderful dinner with Prime Orchestra tickets for this remarkable performance and you are assured a fabulous evening. SF

Turning Stone Resort & Casino – Overnight – Sun.–Mon., Jan. 18th-19th - $165 pp./do. – Join Hampton Jitney as we venture to this award-winning resort and casino in New York's scenic Mohawk Valley. Enjoy luxurious hotel accommodations, a world-class casino and so much more. You will receive a $10 Meal Voucher, $30 Free Play Coupon or Bingo Dollars and have a wonderful Breakfast Buffet included. SF

"Mary Poppins" – Wed., Feb. 11th - $165 pp. – Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious! Nanny Mary Poppins keeps the Banks family in line with the kind of magic only she can conjure. Based on the books by P. L. Travers and the classic Walt Disney film, this is the story of the Banks family and how their lives change after Mary Poppins arrives at their home at 17 Cherry Tree Lane in London. SF

"South Pacific" – Valentine's Day Special – Sat., Feb. 14th - $226 pp. – Lincoln Center Theater presents this Rodgers & Hammerstein revival. Set during World War II, it tells the story of an American lieutenant and an American nurse and their relationships with some of the residents of the exotic islands where they find themselves stationed. The musical score is absolutely beautiful. Take your special someone for a wonderful lunch and one of the most beautiful musicals ever. This is a show not to be missed! SF

"The Lion King" – Wed., Feb. 25th - $185 pp - Julie Taymor's acclaimed staging of the hit Disney animated film has been hailed as a Broadway landmark. The Lion King tells the story of the epic adventures of a young lion cub named Simba as he struggles to accept the responsibilities of adulthood and his destined role as king. SF

"Colonial Gossip & Glorious Gardens" – Philadelphia 2-Day Tour – Sat.-Sun., Feb. 28th-Mar. 1st – $259 pp./do. – This unique tour will thoroughly engage you in Philadelphia's charm. You will find out the meaning behind some of the old sayings from Colonial times and be thoroughly entertained while you learn. In addition, you will have tickets for the 2009 Philadelphia Flower Show – this year's theme is "Bella Italia"! SF

Philadelphia Flower Show – Theme: Celebrate "Bella Italia" – Sun., Mar. 1st NF SF & Sat., Mar. 7th SF – $86 pp. – This show will embrace Italy in breathtaking displays. The Entrance Garden will capture the majesty of ancient Rome with its formal gardens of statuary, topiary, manicured hedges and tiered plantings. Comfortable walking shoes are highly recommended, the show floor is vast.

Gettysburg "Sights, Sounds & Tastes" 3-Day Tour – Mon.-Wed., Mar. 23rd-25th – $415 pp./do. – Gettysburg, PA, where the turning point of the Civil War occurred is a stirring place to visit. You will enjoy the Gettysburg Museum, take the Battlefield Tour, dine on an historic property being served by Colonial-garbed attendants, tour the Shirver House Museum and have some free time at the humongous teddy bear store, Boyd's Bear Country. SF

Victorian Vignettes in Victorian Cape May, NJ – 3-Day Tour – Sun.-Tues., Apr. 26th-28th – $659 pp./do. - This fabulous tour is a complete delight. It begins with the world renowned Philadelphia Museum of Art audio tour of the *Cézanne and Beyond* exhibit, and continues as you take a step back in time at the Congress Hall hotel and have some wonderful tours and adventures, like a Tea luncheon and Trolley tour. SF

Longwood Gardens Wine & Jazz Festival – Sat., May 2nd – $101 pp. – Hampton Jitney is proud to chauffeur you to the 3rd Annual Wine & Jazz Festival at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. Vintage wines, great jazz and beautiful gardens are the stars of this fun, highly anticipated annual event. Hear the region's finest jazz artists perform live, including local favorites Joe Baione and Joanna Pascale; enjoy great wines from around the state; and indulge in delectable light fare as you relax amid the splendor of spring at Longwood. SF

Virginia Tattoo and Baltimore, MD 4-Day Tour – Sat.-Tues., May 2nd-5th - $849 pp./do. – See the largest Tattoo in the U.S., the Virginia International Tattoo and enjoy some wonderful adventures in Baltimore. Visit the Edgar Cacey Association for Research & Enlightenment, the Norfolk Botanical Garden and the National Museum of the Marine Corps. Splash down on a Baltimore 'Duck' Tour and visit the National Aquarium of Baltimore. SF

Montreal and Quebec–6-Day Tour – Sun.-Fri. — Jun. 14th-19th - $1325 pp./do. - Montreal is a unique blend of old-world charm and new world glitz. Hampton Jitney is very excited to return to our Northern neighbors again this spring. There is a great deal to see and do, so come along for an exciting journey – you won't be disappointed. You will have guided tours of Montreal, Basilique Saint Anne de Beaupré and Montmorency Falls, have some wonderful meals and do more sightseeing and shopping on your way home through Vermont & Massachusetts. **PLEASE NOTE: PASSPORTS, PASSPORT CARDS OR EDL'S (ENHANCED DRIVER'S LICENSES) WILL BE REQUIRED FOR RE-ENTRY TO THE UNITED STATES (AS OF JUNE 1, 2009).** SF

Also Available:

Sex and the City Hotspots Tour - Fri., 2/6 NF
American Museum of Natural History – Fri., 2/20 NF
Quilt Festival of New Jersey - Sat., 3/7 NF
"Billy Elliot" Sat., 3/7 SF
"Jersey Boys" – Wed., 3/11 NF
St. Patrick's Festival at Platzl Brauhaus – Tues., 3/17 NF
"Guys & Dolls" – Wed., 3/18 SF
Spring Shopping Tour in NYC – Fri., 3/20 NF
"Wizard of Oz" at the Theatre at Madison Square Garden – Sat., 3/28 NF
"Hair" – Sat., 3/28 & 4/25 SF
"West Side Story" – Wed., 4/1 NF SF **Wed., 6/3** SF
Quilters Heritage Celebration – Fri.-Sat., 4/3-4 NF

SHOW TOURS INCLUDE –

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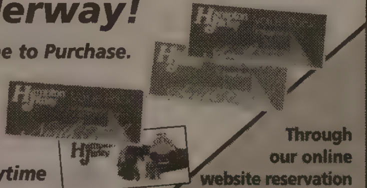

Through our online website reservation and Value Pack order system, Hampton Jitney is open 24 hours a day for information & reservations. Make your travel reservations quickly and accurately, then place a secure order for your Value Pack Ticket Book.

NF *North Fork pick-up and drop-off locations are as follows: Greenport, Southold, Cutchogue, Mattituck, Jamesport, Aquebogue, Riverhead, Farmingville, Melville Marriott.*

SF *South Fork pick-up and drop-off locations are as follows: East Hampton; Bridgehampton, Southampton, Westhampton, Farmingville, Huntington.*

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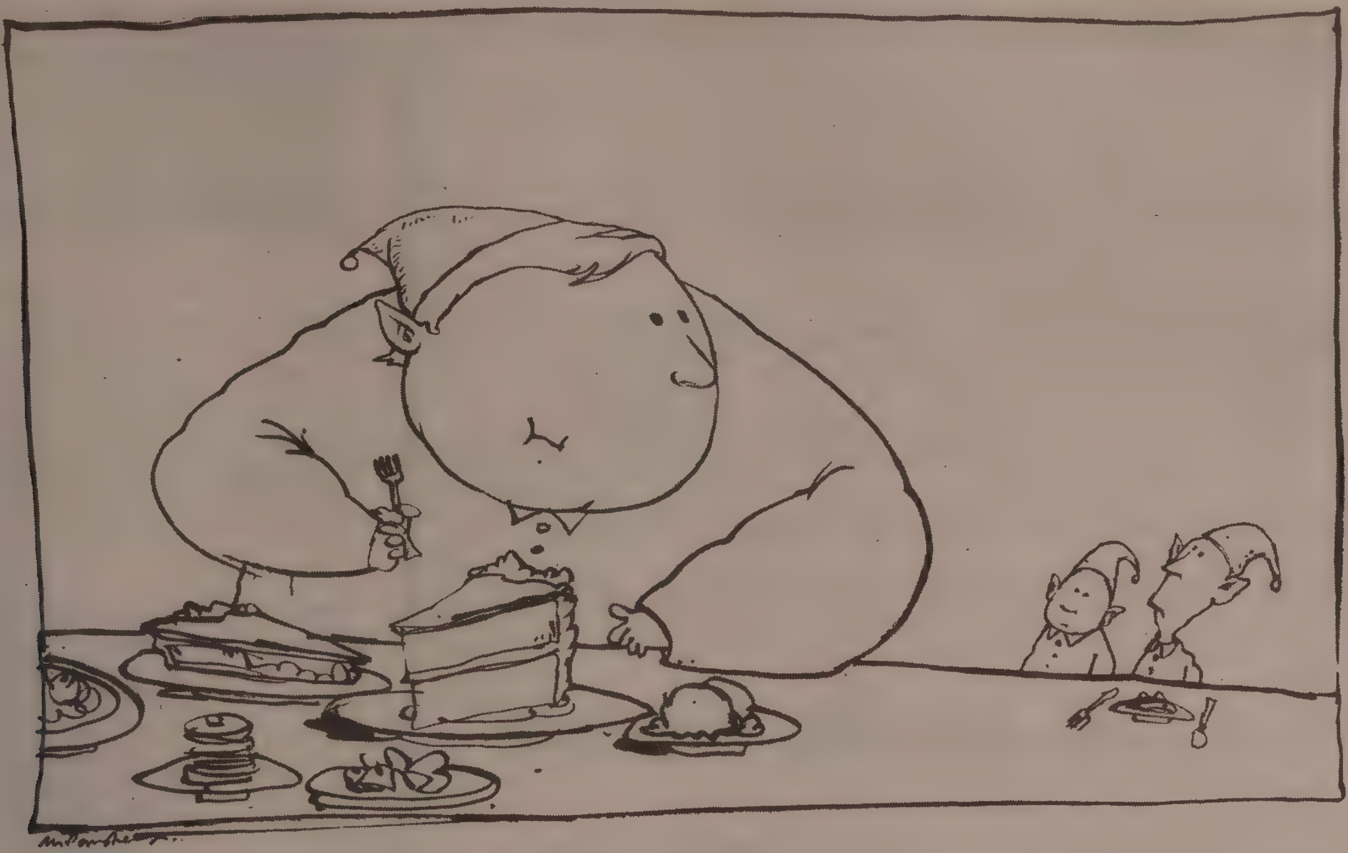

Chubby Ernie the Christmas Chimney Sweep Elf

By Dan Rattiner

A Christmas Story to be Read Aloud to the Children of the Hamptons

Delivering presents to every boy and girl in the world on Christmas Eve is a very big operation. At the North Pole, there are the judge elves, who decide who's been naughty and who's been nice. There are the e-mail elves and the post office elves, working at computers or going to the North Pole Post Office to sort through the mail to see what kids want. There are the toy-making elves and the gift-wrapping elves and the reindeer-trainer elves and the sled-packing elves and the relay elves, whose job it is to constantly refill Santa's sleigh while he is flying from home to home.

On the day Ernie the Elf was born, he began eating. And he just never stopped.

And then there are the chimney sweep elves. How did you think Santa keeps from getting his red suit from turning black when he climbs down the inside of all those dirty chimneys?

Well, out in the southwestern region of North Pole City, there is the big clan of chimneysweep elves, who work and play together and have family outings together and who, one week before Christmas, head out in little miniature sleighs to travel the world, cleaning all the chimneys ahead of time so Santa stays bright, shiny and red and white. There are about 10,000 of these elves all together. And they live next door, on one side, to a community of cookie-baker elves, who always smell of chocolate, and on the other side next to a smaller clan of sleigh-runner-waxer elves who, oh, you know what they do.

On the day Ernie the Elf was born, he began eating. And he just never stopped. He'd eat anything. He'd eat the things that were close to him and he'd eat what was far away from him. You would always see this little red headed boy somewhere, chomping away on this and that. It was his favorite thing to do. His parents worried about him, not so much about the fact that he ate and ate — that was good because it kept him healthy — but because if he got too fat, he'd never be a first line chimney sweep.

When he was five years old and off to kindergarten, he was one of the three fat little boys in class. When he was eight years old, he was the fattest kid in the class. And when the teachers began teaching the kids all the skills of chimney sweeping — hopping out from tiny sleighs hovering above rooftops and down into the chimneys to brush and brush and brush the soot off the inside, Ernie flunked. Try as

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South O' the Highway (and the North too)

East Hampton's **Tommy Hilfiger** reportedly married longtime girlfriend **Dee Ocleppo** last week. The couple was supposed to wed over the summer in Mustique and host a reception for 500 at the Plaza, but postponed the nuptials. Instead, they exchanged vows at Hilfiger's Greenwich mansion in a small ceremony with a justice of the peace. And they'll still make it to Mustique — for the honeymoon.

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2008 was a very good year for East Hampton resident **Jon Bon Jovi.** Bon Jovi's Lost Highway tour tops the list of the biggest tours for 2008, based on data reported to Billboard Boxscore from November 14, 2007, through November 11, 2008. The trek, promoted in North America and Europe by AEG Live, grossed $210.6 million and drew 2,157,675 fans.

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Giving has never looked so good as jewelry designer and Water Mill resident **Joan Hornig** launches her new Snowflake earring collection. 100% of the profits from the dazzling sparklers benefit the UNICEF Snowflake Campaign, which raises millions of dollars in support of health, education and protection of children in developing countries. Earrings from the Snowflake collection, which include white gold, topaz and diamonds, are sure to make a statement — fashionably and philanthropically — this season. The Snowflakes are available exclusively at luxury retailer Bergdorf Goodman.

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East Hampton's **Tory Burch** opened a new store last week. The store, at 38-40 Little West 12th Street, is the designer's second location in Manhattan (the first opened four years ago at 257 Elizabeth Street), and her 16th location nationwide. The space features bright green carpeting, plum chairs, white couches and a silver and brass antique desk.

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Sam Talbot, a finalist from the second season of "Top Chef" and the executive chef of last summer's hugely successful Surf Lodge in Montauk, is officially off the market. The chef and his fiancée, **Paola Guerrero**, were married in a secret, low-key wedding ceremony at City Hall in New York City on November 17. Talbot and Guerrero, a model and T-shirt designer from Colombia, met on his 30th birthday in Brazil last December.

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Amagansett's **Sarah Jessica Parker** is known for her annual year-end bash, but this year, instead of a New Year's Eve party, she plans to hold an inaugural bash at her West Village home in honor of **Barack Obama** being sworn in as president.

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Gina Glickman; *Dan's Papers* columnist,

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Hampton Jitney Fall 2008 Schedule

Effective Thurs., Sept. 18 through Wed., Jan. 7, 2009

To Manhattan WESTHAMPTON LINE

Westbound

	⬇ READ DOWN AM LIGHT **PM BOLD**	Mon thru Fri	7 Days	7 Days	7 Days	7 Days	Fri thru Mon	7 Days	Sun & Mon	7 Days	W Sun Only	W Sat, Sun & Mon Sept./Oct. Sat & Sun Nov./Dec.	W Sun Only
DEPARTING	Hampton Bays	5:00	6:10	8.15	10:15	**12:15**	**2:15**	**3:15**	**4:45**	**6:15**	**7:15**	**8:30**	**10:15**
	East Quogue	5.05	6:15	8:20	10:20	**12:20**	**2:20**	**3:20**	**4:50**	**6:20**	**7:20**	**8:35**	**10:20**
	Quogue	5:15	6:25	8.30	10:30	**12:30**	**2:30**	**3:30**	**5:00**	**6:30**	**7:30**	**8:45**	**10:30**
	Westhampton	5:25	6:35	8:40	10:40	**12:40**	**2:40**	**3:40**	**5:10**	**6:40**	**7:40**	**8:55**	**10:40**
ARRIV.	Airport Connection ✈	7:05	8:35	10:20	**12:20**	**2:20**	**4:20**	**5:20**	**6:50**	**8:20**	**9:20**	**10:35**	12:20
	Manhattan	7:20	8:45	10:30	**12:30**	**2:30**	**4:30**	**5:30**	**7:00**	**8:30**	**9:30**	**10:45**	12:30

To The Hamptons WESTHAMPTON LINE

Eastbound

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	Manhattan / 69th St.	8.35	9:35	11:35	**1:35**	**3:35**	**5:35**	**6:35**	**9:05**	**9:35**
	Manhattan / 59th St.	8:40	9:40	11:40	**1:40**	**3:40**	**5:40**	**6:40**	**9:10**	**9:40**
	Manhattan / 40th St.	9:00	10:00	**12:00**	**2:00**	**4:00**	**6:00**	**7:00**	**9:30**	**10:00**
	Airport Connection ✈	9:20	10:20	**12:20**	**2:25**	**4:25**	**6:25**	**7:25**	**9:50**	**10:20**
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	East Quogue	11:05	**12:05**	**2:05**	**4:05**	**6:25‡**	**8:05**	**9:05**	**11:30**	12.00
	Hampton Bays	11.10	**12:10**	**2:10**	**4:10**	**6:30‡**	**8:10**	**9:10**	**11:35**	12:05

See Dan's North Fork *Section for our North Fork Line Run!*

To Manhattan MONTAUK LINE

Westbound

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ARRIVING	Manorville	9:30	10:30	—	11:30	—	—	**1:30**	**2:30**	—	**3:30**	**4:50‡**	—	**5:50‡**	**6:45‡**	—		**7:35**	**8:05**	**8:35**	—	**9:35**	**10:00**	**11:00**	**11:30**	1:00
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	Water Mill	10:05	11:05	11:35	**12:05**	**12:35**	**1:05**	**2:05**	**3:05**	**3:35**	**4:05**	**5:25‡**	**6:05**	**6:25‡**	**7:15‡**	**7:35**		**8:05**	**8:35**	**9:05**	**9:35**	**10:05**	**10:35**	**11:35**	12.05	1 35
	Bridgehampton	10:15	11:15	—	**12:15**	**12:45**	**1:15**	**2:15**	**3:15**	**3:45**	**4:15**	**5:35‡**	**6:15**	**6:35‡**	**7:25‡**	—		**8:15**	**8:45**	**9:15**	—	—	**10:45**	**11:45**	12:15	1.45
	Sag Harbor	—	11:20	11:50	—	—	—	**2:20**	—	—	**4:20**	—	—	**6:40‡**	—	**7:50**		—	—	**9:20■**	**9:50**	**10:20**	—	**11:50**	—	—
	Wainscott	10:20	11:20	—	**12:20**	—	**1:20**	**2:20**	**3:20**	**3:50**	**4:20**	**5:40‡**	—	**6:40‡**	**7:30‡**	—	↓	**8:20**	**8:50**	**9:20**	—	—	**10:50**	**11:50**	12 20	1:50
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	Napeague	10.55	11:55	—	**12:55**	—	—	**2:55**	**3:55**	—	**4:55**	**6:15‡**	—	**7:15‡**	**8:00‡**	—	**8:10**	**8:55◆**	—	**9:55**	—	—	—	12.25	—	2:25
	Montauk	11:00	**12:00**	**12:30**	**1:00**	—	—	**3:00**	**4:00**	—	**5:00**	**6:20‡**	**7:00**	**7:20‡**	**8:10‡**	—	**8:20**	**9:00◆**	—	**10:00**	—	—	—	12:30	—	2:30

To Brooklyn BROOKLYN SERVICE

To Brooklyn⁺ (Westbound)

	MONTAUK LINE ⬇ READ DOWN AM LIGHT **PM BOLD**	Fri PM Only	Sun PM Only	NORTH FORK LINE	Sun PM Only
DEPARTING				**Greenport**	**5:40**
	Montauk		**5:00**	**Southold**	**5:50**
	Napeague		**5:05**	**Peconic**	**5:55**
	Amagansett		**5:20**	**Cutchogue**	**6:00**
	East Hampton		**5:30**	**Mattituck**	**6:05**
	Wainscott		**5:40**	**Laurel**	**6:10**
	Bridgehampton		**5:50**	**Jamesport**	**6:15**
	Water Mill	↓	**6:05**	**Aquebogue**	**6:20**
	Southampton	**2:00**	**6:15**	**Riverhead**	**6:25**
	Manorville	**2:25**	**6:40**	**Tanger Outlet**	**6:30**
ARRIVING	**B. Heights - Cadman Pl. & Clark St.**	**4:10**	**8:30**	**B. Heights**	**8:30**
	B. Heights - Tillary St.	—	—	**B. Heights**	—
	B. Heights - Court St. & Joralemon St.	**4:15**	**8:35**	**B. Heights**	**8:35**
	Park Slope - Union St. & 4th Ave.	**4:25**	**8:45**	**Park Slope**	**8:45**
	Park Slope - Prospect Park W. & 2nd St.	**4:30**	**8:50**	**Park Slope**	**8:50**
	Park Slope - 9th St. & 4th Ave.	**4:35**	**8:55**	**Park Slope**	**8:55**

To East End BROOKLYN SERVICE

To East End⁺ (Eastbound)

	MONTAUK LINE ⬇ READ DOWN AM LIGHT **PM BOLD**	Fri PM Only	NORTH FORK LINE	Fri PM Only
DEPARTING	**Park Slope - 4th Avenue & 9th Street**	**5:30**	**Park Slope**	**5:30**
	Park Slope - 4th Avenue & Union Street	**5:35**	**Park Slope**	**5:35**
	Boerum Hill - Atlantic Avenue & 3rd Avenue	**5:45**	**Boerum Hill**	**5:45**
	B. Heights -Tillary St. between Cadman Plaza East & West	**6:00**	**B. Heights**	**6:00**
ARRIVING	**Manorville**	**7:50**	**Tanger Outlet**	**8:00**
	Southampton	**8:15**	**Riverhead**	**8:05**
	Water Mill	**8:20**	**Aquebogue**	**8:10**
	Bridgehampton	**8:30**	**Jamesport**	**8:15**
	Wainscott	**8:35**	**Laurel**	**8:20**
	East Hampton	**8:45**	**Mattituck**	**8:25**
	Amagansett	**8:55**	**Cutchogue**	**8:35**
	Napeague	**9:10**	**Peconic**	**8:40**
	Montauk	**9:15**	**Southold**	**8:45**
			Greenport	**8:55**

To Lower Manhattan MONTAUK LINE

Westbound

	⬇ READ DOWN AM LIGHT **PM BOLD**	Fri PM	LW Sun PM	Mon AM
DEPARTING	**Amagansett**	—	**6:20**	5:00
	East Hampton	—	**6:30**	5:10
	Wainscott	—	**6:35**	5:15
	Bridgehampton	—	**6:45**	5:20
	Watermill	—	**6:50**	5:25
	Southampton	**12:15**	**7:00**	5:30
	Manorville	**12:40**	**7:25**	5:55
ARRIV.	**Lower Manhattan**	**2:30**	**9:00**	7:45

To The Hamptons MONTAUK LINE

(from Lower Manhattan)

Eastbound

	⬇ READ DOWN AM LIGHT **PM BOLD**	Fri PM
DEPARTING	**Battery Park City - South End Avenue & Albany** Across from Gristedes	**4:15**
	Financial District - Water St. & Broad St. - Southeast corner of Water St. and Broad St., in front of Chase Bank	**4:30**
	South Street Seaport - Pearl St. & Fulton St. - East Side of Pearl Street, in front of Wendy's	**4:35**
	Peter Cooper Village - 1st Ave. & 23rd St. - East Side of 1st Ave. (between 23rd & 24th), in front of Board of Education Building	**4:55**
ARRIVING	**Manorville**	**6:45**
	Southampton	**7:10**
	Watermill	**7:15**
	Bridgehampton	**7:25**
	Wainscott	**7:30**
	East Hampton	**7:40**
	Amagansett	**7:50**

Lower Manhattan Westbound
MTA Bus Stop Drop-off Locations:

- **2nd Ave. & 34th St.**
- **2nd Ave. & 22nd St.**
- **2nd Ave. & 14th St.**
- **2nd Ave. & 9th St.**
- **West Side of Allen St. & E. Houston St.**
- **West Side of Pearl St. & Fulton St.**
- **North Side of Water St. & Broad St.**
- **State St. & Battery Place (Bowling Green Subway Station)**
- **Church St. & Cortlandt St. (Connection to Path Trains to N.J.)**
- **South End Avenue**

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Chubby

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he might, he just couldn't squeeze his little butterball of a body into the chimney tops.

"Ernie," his teacher said, "don't worry. If you can't be a chimney sweep elf, then you can be a chimney sweep cheerleader. You can be down lining the sleigh runways when the elf sleighs take off, cheering and hollering and waving with the other fatties."

After hearing that, Ernie went out and got himself a chocolate malted, a baked Alaska, an apple brown betty, some sugar cookies and marshmallow s'mores, and ate and ate. And that made it all right.

There wasn't much else you could tell a kid who was just too fat in those days. You could tell him to stop eating chocolate cake and French fried potatoes and ice cream and cookies and linzer tarts and maple mousse and barbecue spare ribs and spaghetti and meat sauce and cheesecake, which is just a few of the things Ernie ate on one particular day in exactly that order.

On another day, he ate spaghetti and meatballs and walnut brownies and egg nog and pork and beans and a hot fudge sundae, which Ernie ate in exactly that order one year, just three weeks and a day before Christmas.

"Ernie, we've got to leave three weeks from tomorrow to start cleaning chimneys," the leader of the chimney sweep elves said that night. Ernie was now 16, the age that baby elves became grown up elves at the North Pole. "There's still time to qualify to go. Just lose 80 pounds."

At the time, Ernie was eating a blueberry pie, some greasy lambchops, a big piece of pumpkin pie and a plate of four greasy pork chops covered in marinara sauce, in exactly that order.

"Okay," he said.

He talked to his best friend, Nick, who was not only the smartest kid in the class, but someone who always stood up for Ernie, chasing other children elves away when they came over to make fun of him.

"We can do this," Nick said. "Just meet me at the gym."

And so Ernie and Nick went to the gym and they did push ups and leg lifts and arm curls and jumping jacks and after that they went out and ate corn beef sandwiches, shrimp bisque, cheeseburgers, cheesecake and onion rings, in exactly that order.

After a week of doing that, Ernie weighed even more than before. So he gave up.

Two weeks before Christmas, they had the final practice runs of the chimney cleaning brigades. Ernie was, of course, assigned to the chimney sweep cheerleader brigade and his task at practice was just to bring the whisk brooms to the elves as they began their final sessions.

Ernie was sad he wasn't going. But what could you do? He went out with Nick and had some New England clam chowder, a vanilla shake, three pieces of fried chicken, a Snickers bar and some deep fried broccoli sticks, in exactly that order.

"I'm going to figure out a way to get you on the sleighs," Nick said, between chomps.

Nick went to see the chief of the chimney sweeps, Grand Elf Zebediah, who lived in a big sugarplum castle on the northern edge of the community. He was led into the throne room. And there was Zebediah, sitting in the big chair holding the giant golden whisk broom that was the symbol of his great office.

"I was thinking," Nick said. "Some of the chimneys are small and hard to get down into, while others are very big and spacious. What do you do when the chimney is too big for one elf? Do you just have one go in and let him plop down to the bottom?"

"We would never do anything that might injure our elves," Grand Zebediah said. "What we do, with the big chimneys, is tie two elves together back to back, and have them go down that way, with one pushing against one inside wall while the other pushes against the opposite inside wall. It works fine."

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Just One More Second

The Earth Speeds Up in Slowing Down; Human Beings Take Note

By Dan Rattiner

This morning, I was brushing my teeth when I heard on the radio that there is a black hole in the far reaches of the universe that has just swallowed a star that is one million times larger than our sun.

"We had not known until now that there were bodies this large in the universe," the announcer said, referring to the star, "and certainly not ones this size that could ever be swallowed up by a black hole."

I looked in the mirror and I thought, of course, well, thank goodness that is not going on around here.

Another item in the news was about the extra second that is going to be added to clocks all around the world at the end of this month. It's a big deal. The earth whirls around on its orbit and, apparently, even though outer space is a vacuum and there should not be any friction, it is slowly but surely slowing down. Scientists are predicting that the earth will even come to a halt someday — although that will surely be after my time. I just hope — this is my sort of nice last wish during my employment on the planet — that Earth comes to a halt with the western hemisphere facing the sun. America deserves the best.

The extra second is being added, of course, because the way we keep track of time has to, every once in a while, catch up. Think about it. Time marches on. But because the planet is slowing and things take longer, everything gets a bit out of whack. So we slip in an extra second now and again.

Interestingly, nobody knows until almost the last minute when it is necessary to add this second. The last time it happened was in 2005, the time before that it was in 1998 and the time before that it was in 1997. As you see, these are odd intervals.

This is very different from the extra day we add every four years to fix things that get fouled up as we circle around the sun. That extra day

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STATE GAS PRICING LAW IS IGNORED HERE

By Dan Rattiner

Four weeks ago, a State law was passed to prohibit "zone pricing" by gas stations. This practice allows gas stations to charge more at the pump in rich communities, such as the Hamptons, than in poorer communities, such as Shirley. Everyone thinks this is a form of collusion and price fixing that is criminal. But until now, largely because of lobbying by big oil, no state legislature has had the guts to make a law preventing it.

Last fall, our longtime State Assemblyman Fred Thiele vowed that enough was enough, and he would get such a law passed, and he did. It was voted upon and signed into law on November 12. But in spite of promises of vigorous enforcement, almost nothing has happened. Only about one in 10 gas stations is in compliance. And these one in 10 gas stations all have the same thing in common. They are independently owned and get gas that does not have a nationwide name. They sell Superior or Valero or Supercharge gas and, in complying with the law, they were charging an average of $1.95 a gallon last week. The gas stations owned by Hess or Exxon or Mobil are charging $2.25 in the Hamptons and as much as $2.75 in Amagansett and Montauk and are not in compliance.

There seems to be a disagreement why the independent gas stations comply but the major gas stations do not.

According to Thiele, the majors are flouting the law and daring the State to bring them to court, where they can fight the new law. "The State Attorney General knows about this noncompliance," he said. "You will soon see the State get an injunction, file for restitution and even enforce a civil penalty. The law's got teeth."

But, according to Katherine Odessa, who is president of the Long Island Gasoline Retailers Association, there is a loophole in the new law that allows the majors to not have to abide by it.

"The law prevents wholesalers from selling gas using zoning rule pricing. So the independents who get their gas from wholesalers have to comply," she said. "But big oil companies don't use wholesalers. They deliver gas in company

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EH Town Board to Local Biz People: "A Little Help?"

By T.J. Clemente

A major topic at East Hampton Town Board meetings for the last year has been the challenge of coping with a growing budget. Many believed the problem was the inability of the Board to grapple with the sophisticated realities of local government in the new economy. Others vilified Supervisor Bill McGintee to the point of signing petitions calling him everything from incompetent to dishonest.

It was a tough year for McGintee and his staff. When revenues were growing, and property values rising at unprecedented rates, running the government was like riding a bike down hill. Now, with all the problems of lower revenues, higher costs and the need to raise taxes, the comment most often heard by this reporter was, "Running the town and its almost $70 million budget was not like it use to be."

In a sign that they have heard that point of view, the East Hampton Town Board voted and consented to establishing a Budget Advisory Committee made up of local residents with business acumen to help advise them. The idea is to get established businesspeople involved in long term planning and solutions to town problems on the advisory level. Some think the idea is vital, since the Board has no intentions of replacing the University of Chicago-educated Nick Lynn, who came in at $150 per hour as a financial consultant. Lynn resigned just before he was terminated for writing a seemingly partisan political memo concerning how to handle the 2008 budget deficit. At the time of his dismissal, Lynn was about to start his personal audit of the CPF and its transactions.

So, in place of a heavily credentialed consultant, the board created this advisory committee and has made its selections. Each board member was given one selection.

McGintee chose Job Potter, a former councilman who has expertise in municipal budgets. Councilman Pete Hammerle chose Montauk entrepreneur Joe Gaviola. Councilwoman Pat Mansir chose hardware store owner Bernie Kiembok, who has also some valuable real estate holdings. Councilwoman Julia Prince chose attorney Robert Kaufman and Councilwoman Brad Loewen chose J.B. DeSantis, a local real estate agent.

Lynn Ryan, an aide to McGintee, said that the group will begin monthly meetings in January, and that perhaps each will focus on an area of expertise. She said this was, in effect, a one-year experiment, with the Board having the right to terminate in a year. It was pointed out to her that there is an election this fall, which may result in a change of Board members.

Reaction has been mixed. Some who know these business leaders seem to agree that they have stellar reputations. At Liar's Saloon in Montauk, Gaviola received an accolade for being "a good guy." But one vacation homeowner noted that there weren't any women named, saying the selection was kind of "old boyish." Another New York City businessman who comes to the East End to sail, asked, "What is their experience in dealing with a situation of collapsing revenues, rising cost, and bad public morale? Do any of them have experience with $70 million budgets in regard to negotiating with unions to reduce benefits and wages?"

In reported comments and in discussions with the supervisor's office, it was stressed that the Advisory Committee will have no other authority but to advise, report and suggest. They cannot vote to enact policy or force the town to take actions. Is this a public relations move by a Board whose budgets are being scrutinized by state officials, to reach out to popular citizens for support for unpopular policies? Who is to say? Is it realistic to ask such nominees to "Bust down the wall of bookkeeping," as Mansir reportedly said? Prince reportedly said that naming an Advisory Committee is a step in the right direction and will promote real change.

McGintee put the bright light on exactly what the Advisory Board will do when he reportedly said, "They're not coming in to run town government … they are coming to advise the board on long-term spending."

With elections less than 11 months away perhaps the electorate of the Town of East Hampton will voice what they feel about long-term spending and how the town is being run when they vote. In the final hour, the voice of the people is the ultimate advisory committee.

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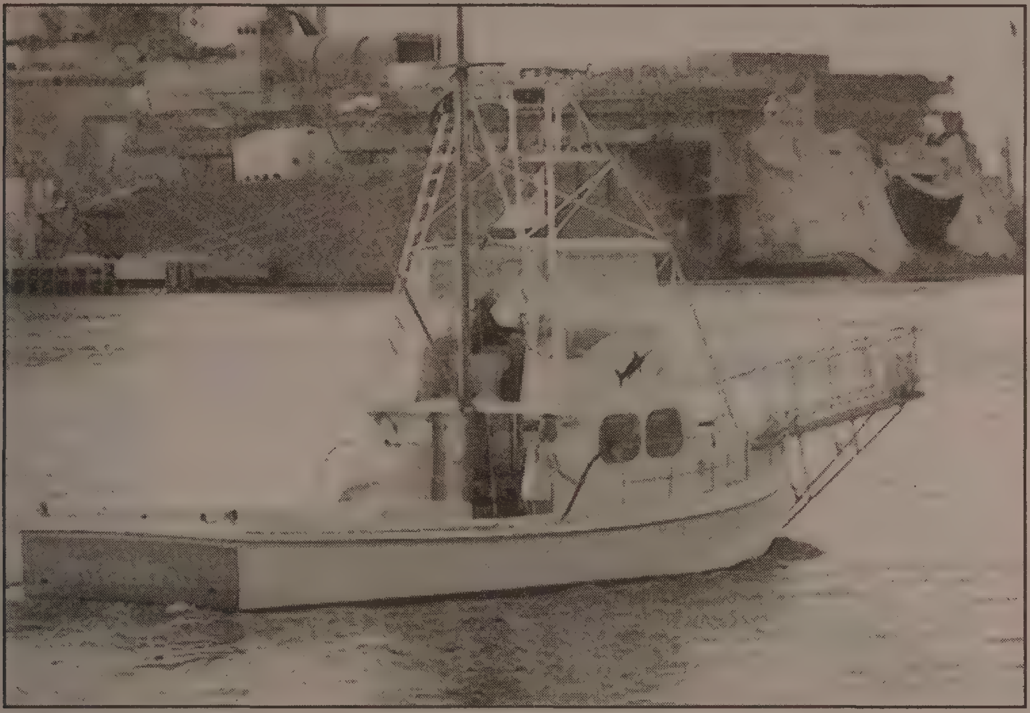

Jaws

Frank "Monster Man" Mundus' Shark Fishing Boat for Sale in Montauk

By Dan Rattiner

Frank Mundus' wooden fishing boat Cricket II will be up for auction on the Internet this winter. It was built in 1947, is 40 feet long, is powered by a 435 horsepower engine that can push it at 14 knots, and is in perfect operating condition. It is in such good condition, in spite of the fact that Mundus hadn't used it regularly in Montauk for nearly 15 years, because filmmakers, who were doing a documentary on this famous fisherman toward the end of his life, paid to have it kept up. The boat has been appraised at $28,000. But even in these hard times, you can probably put a one before the 28 by the time the auction is done. Cricket II is probably the most famous fishing boat of the 20th century.

The auction begins on January 14 and will end on February 4. Those wishing to bid need to post a $5,000 certified check. The boat is currently out of the water on display at Uihlein's Marina in Montauk and those interested are welcome to come down to the marina to have a look and, with permission, board her to see inside.

The Cricket II is being sold with the boat's original fighting chair (used in 1986 to set a world's record for largest fish caught on rod and reel), an aluminum bow pulpit of the sort used to harpoon large fish and a bucket with the word "Monster Mash" on the side, which was the name coined by Mundus to describe the bait concoction he'd throw overboard to attract the sharks.

Mundus invented a whole new kind of deep sea fishing in 1951, when he arrived in Montauk at the age of 25. It involved finding a shark offshore that weighed about as much as a car, harpooning it, then dragging it up to his boat, shooting it in the head with a high powered rifle, lashing it alongside, and then bringing it back through the Montauk Jetties as soon as he could. Even with a 435 horsepower diesel, it would be slow going hauling a fish almost as big as his boat. He'd radio ahead about his arrival time. Often there were large crowds outside Gosman's and other places by the jetties to watch it arrive.

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LIPA: HARD TIMES? LOW DEMAND? LET'S RAISE RATES!

By David Lion Rattiner

Here's what New York State Assemblyman Fred Thiele said about LIPA's recent rate increase: "LIPA has failed totally to demonstrate the need for a rate increase. LIPA states that more than 50% of their costs are fuel related. Oil prices have now dropped to $42 a barrel and are continuing to fall from a high of $140 just a few months ago. Why is the decline in oil prices not being passed on to consumers the same way increases were? The impact to the local economy would be devastating."

Turning on the lights, turning on an electric heater and having a refrigerator running are all things that we take for granted — until we get our electric billS.

The Long Island Power Authority, Long Island's provider of electricity, said just days before Thanksgiving, that in a recession and at a time when oil prices had record drops, that they would raise rates by 4.8% to all electricity customers. This would be formalized at a scheduled meeting on December 11.

The public outcry was enormous, even though many were distracted by the holidays — a tactic Thiele said, "Stinks."

The outrage became so great that state lawmakers Fred Thiele and State Senator Kenneth P. LaValle asked State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli to audit LIPA to determine the actual costs of building power lines underground in Southampton. The project was estimated at $8 million, but LIPA announced that the actual cost would be $12 million. Thiele and LaValle requested the State Comptroller to determine if the extra $4 million increase was justified, and whether any portion of it should indeed be charged to ratepayers.

Even Governor Paterson took the stage, telling the Long Island Association in Woodbury that LIPA needed to reconsider the rate hike, suggesting that they "go back and sharpen their pencils."

But after all the outrage, LIPA still raised rates, by 3.2% rather than the initial 4.8, even as they listened to complaints at the December 11 meeting, even as oil prices have been cut by more than half in just months.

LIPA CEO Kevin Law listened to comments at the meeting, imposing no time limit to speakers and, according to LIPA's Vice President of Communications, Edward Dumas, was "impressed" with what was said.

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Jaws

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Sometimes, the fish were so large they could not be weighed. Montauk had no cable or scale back then to either hoist or weigh anything of that size.

Of course, Mundus had on board rod and reel with heavy line test, so if there were no luck finding a monster, they could still fight with smaller sharks and hang them from the stern after reeling them in. It wasn't quite as dramatic, but it was a pretty good backup plan.

The other Montauk fishing boat captains at that time went out to catch swordfish or tuna that might weigh a whopping, er, 700 pounds. They said Mundus might have his boat lined up with theirs, but what he was doing was not fishing.

Mundus continued to fish out of Montauk for two generations this way. He was loud, annoying and irascible, but also soft hearted, so it was hard to know which was him and which was the act. He certainly was the only fisherman who carried a high-powered rifle around at the dock there.

In 1969, a novelist named Peter Benchley wrote a novel about this obsessed maniac. It was called *Jaws* and became a best seller. Interestingly, Benchley always denied that his book was based on Mundus. He said it was fiction. Some fiction. Benchley summered in East Hampton, 16 miles from Montauk. The locations in the book were all in the Hamptons. The fishing town was called Hampton Harbor. Not a real place. Yeah.

Seven years after that, *Jaws* was made into a blockbuster movie that starred Roy Scheider, Richard Dreyfuss and Robert Shaw, who played Quint the shark-obsessed fishing boat captain who even looked like Mundus. (And who also, in the end, gets eaten by the shark.)

In 1986, Mundus, Donnie Braddick and two other men brought in a 3,400-pound shark which they fought for 10 hours with rod and reel. Although a larger fish was caught off Australia by rod and reel a few years later, Mundus' catch broke the world record at that time.

In 1991, the government decided that all charter boat fishermen, even the ones that had been fishing for 50 years, had to be recertified. Mundus, who was 71 at the time, considered it an affront. When, at the beginning of the test, he was asked, given certain weather conditions, how he might plot a course from Montauk to New London, Connecticut, Mundus said that he'd been doing this half a century, this was the stupidest question he ever heard, issued an expletive, got up and walked out.

Several years earlier, Mundus' wife died. He was living alone for some years at this point. Now, a "retired" captain, he decided to remarry. He met an Englishwoman on the Internet, proposed to her, and they became husband and wife. But they didn't stay in Montauk. Instead, Mundus and Jeanette picked up and bought a spread on the Big Island in Hawaii. It was and still is, about 110 inland acres, and there he and his wife raised farm animals, including giant boars, that weighed upward of 600 pounds each.

Every summer, however, Mundus would come back to Montauk for the month of June. He'd made a long term lease agreement with another fisherman to captain Cricket II, but there was nothing to prevent him from coming back to his beloved Montauk as a "guide." People would pay extra for him to be along.

Today, Montauk holds numerous shark tournaments. Both sport and charter fishermen chase sharks these days, although none go after the monsters as Mundus did.

When Mundus came back from the day's fishing during these recent forays back to Montauk, he'd set up "shop" on the deck of the Star Island Marina at a picnic table, where he'd sell books and brochures and paraphernalia, sign autographs and tell stories about his time as the Monster Man. His most famous book is called *Monster Man*.

He died last summer in Hawaii at 82, after suffering a heart attack while flying from Montauk back to Hawaii in July.

Registration for the auction begins on December 15. Go to maltzauctions.com/auction_detail.php?ID=394054.

LIPA

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LIPA agreed to cut costs on postage (postage?), which would apparently save the company $2.7 million next year. They also factored in revised fuel forecasts and planned to defer capital projects, not including alternative energy projects. Yet even with the reductions they maintained they had to increase rates.

Despite a reduction to the initial increase, people are dissatisfied with the result. With fuel costs down, few can wrap their heads around why rates would increase when oil, the source of electricity, has come down in price so much.

The reason for this is that LIPA's CEO is responsible for growing revenue. Ironically, it was the high cost of electricity that caused revenues to fall in the first places. The fact that electricity prices have become so astronomically high has caused consumers to act differently about how they use energy, and thus usage has been significantly reduced, which has cut into LIPA's profits. The solution to the problem? Increase rates. In other words, instead of decreasing rates to increase usage and therefore increase revenues, LIPA is increasing rates (assuming usage will be maintained) in order to increase revenue.

This logic of course doesn't go very far with products people can do without. But people need their lights, so LIPA is finding the price point that requires customers to pay a higher rate so that they can see in the dark, and LIPA can see revenues grow.

There's one argument that if LIPA continues to move forward with this business strategy, the cost of turning on a lamp in your house will be $100 an hour. It sounds ridiculous, but it's a valid theory based on LIPA's current practice.

Unlike oil companies, which reduce the price of oil when demand goes down to increase demand, LIPA is doing the opposite. Interesting, yes. Easy on the wallet of consumers, no.

Another hefty line item for LIPA is investing in renewable energy, which nobody wants to cut out of the company's expenditures. Ironically, LIPA contributes $27 million to the state's voluntary renewable fund.

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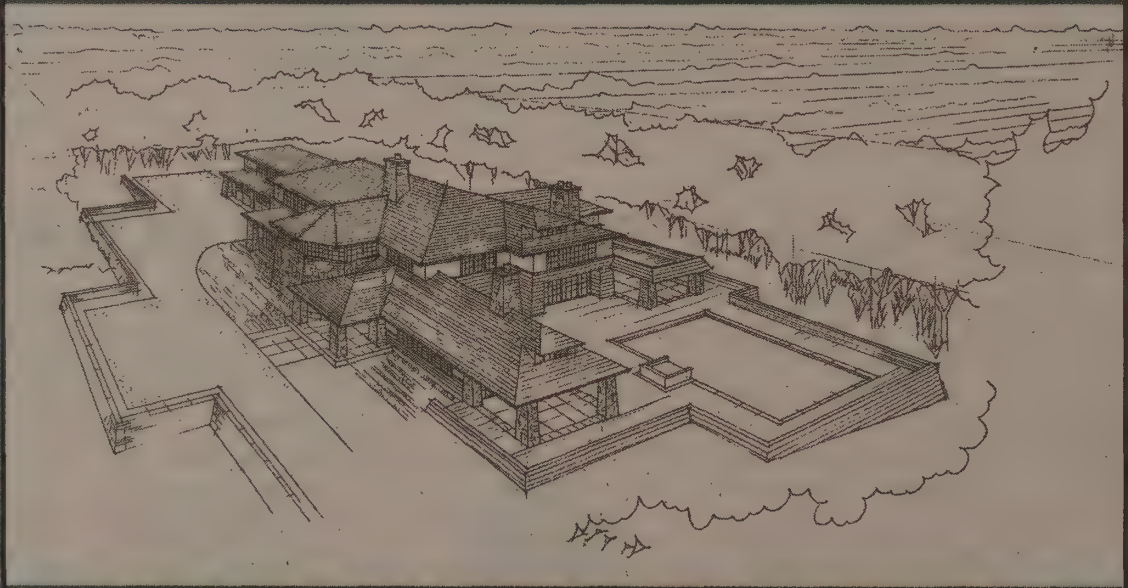

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Agent Therapy

Hamptons RE Agents Need Our TLC & Compassion

By Susan M. Galardi

The economy is putting people in a funk. With major industries failing, stalwarts of the financial community crumbling, and the housing market on its knees, it would take the fortitude of a saint (Nicklaus, probably) to stay upbeat.

But the holidays provide us with a bright opportunity for the comfort and joy that comes with getting and giving. Right now on the East End, there's a particular group that needs our generosity of spirit: real estate agents.

Real estate agents are like deer. They seem to be everywhere. People tend to have a love/hate relationship with them — some would like to see them eradicated while others think they're necessary to our landscape. And like deer, whose health is threatened by human and other predators, real estate agents' mental health is currently under attack. In a beleaguered real estate market, where transactions are as rare as a red nosed reindeer, the many real estate agents on the East End are suffering a greater hardship than most. Not only do they have to make do with less cash flow, like many of us, but they're unable to get that happy high that comes from doing the things they love: appraising, pricing, marketing and especially, selling a property.

Like any sales professional, agents thrive on making deals — big deals. With both their livelihood and *joie de vivre* at stake, some agents are heading toward a psychological short sale.

I'm worried about real estate agents. If you know one (which is likely since there are literally thousands on the East End), you should be worried, too. Fortunately, there are usually warning signs that the real estate agent in your life is teetering on a foundation that isn't quite up to code.

The most severe condition agents may develop is multiple personality disorder. Lacking activity, he or she may take on the additional persona of seller. In other words — and this is very important if you live with a real estate agent — he or she will sell the very house you are living in right

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LOW INTEREST RATES for THOSE WHO DON'T NEED 'EM

ESTATE OF MIND

Real Estate Rants and Rumblings

By T.J. Clemente

In a chain of events that might define just how recovery in the mortgage lending arena could play out, there's been a recent rush on refinance applications as mortgage rates have dropped. Some pundits are predicting the rate to reach as low as 4.5%. But an even more startling statistic is that 12 million homes (15% of all homes with existing mortgages) will not be eligible for a refi with lower rates. Why? Because those 12 million homes are worth less than their existing mortgages, and to qualify these days, industry insiders are putting eligibility at 20-30% equity in the home, plus a credit score of 720.

Which means that those in trouble will basically not get relief through this change, and those who were never in trouble could enjoy a reduction in their monthly mortgage payments.

When the Federal Reserve Board announced a few weeks ago that it was purchasing $500 billion of Freddy Mac- and Fanny Mae-backed securities and reducing the rates for lending, one intent perhaps was to stimulate sales by new homebuyers who could take advantage of interest rates at 4.5% — much lower than the standard 6.5% of just three years ago, when the mortgage mess was beginning to hit critical mass. In essence, a lower interest rate could raise the magic number of what a potential buyer could afford, as well as lower payments on the buyer's targeted price point.

An unnamed insider at an East End refinance institution admitted the intention of the Fed was not to stimulate refinancing for those who can afford it and are in very strong positions. But since "the smart money always sees the smart opportunities," that is what is happening. In fact,

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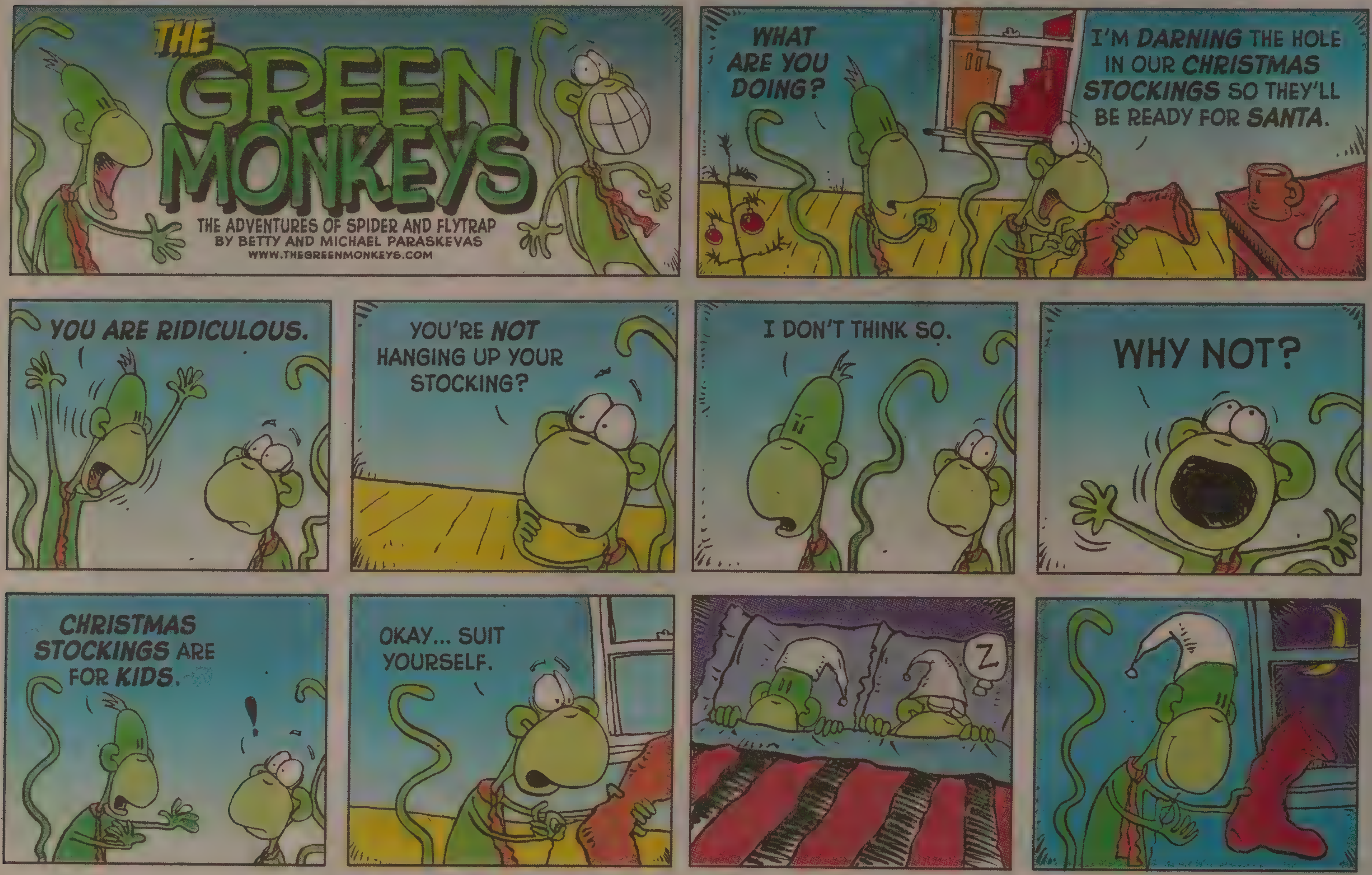
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Dawn of the Recluse

An Unassuming Retriever Brings Scary Spider to Light

By April Gonzales

I've never been afraid of spiders, not even the big wolf spiders in my mother's basement. Good thing, since every house I've lived in on the East End has had its own species of spider (not to mention, my chosen career as a garden designer gives me great exposure). Knowing that they do an incredibly important ecological job, I leave spiders alone. Unlike a friend, who sucks up spiders in her house with a vacuum cleaner, I usually put a glass over them and take them outside. No problem, until recently. A spider bit my flat coat retriever Daisy, plunging me into a full-blown case of arachnophobia.

On a warm Sunday in November, in preparation for holiday guests, I cleaned out the front closet and washed all three of my dogs. A few hours later, on an evening walk, we saw that Daisy was limping. There was an unusual, jelly like bump on her elbow, so we took her to the East End Emergency Veterinary Clinic (EEVC) in Riverhead. We and the vet concluded it might be Lyme disease, a common cause of limping in East End dogs. Daisy would start antibiotics to stem the infection and bring down her 106-degree temperature.

In the morning, her fever was down but the swelling was up, so we returned to EEVC. That was the beginning of a long and unhappy stay for Daisy, and the beginning of a mental turnaround about spiders for me.

Test results ruled out Lyme. We and the vets at the clinic tossed around other theories and prognoses. Maybe Pudsy, our tom cat who often kneads Daisy's fur as he cozies up, had caused the problem. A claw puncture could've caused an abscess to form under Daisy's skin.

one of the EEVC vets, Dr. Dubato, mentioned some spider-related symptoms. In the meantime, swelling and high fever continued, and Daisy was put on a cocktail of antibiotics and painkillers. We went home nervous.

Eventually Dr. MacLaughlin returned to the possibility of a spider bite. She'd seen this hap-

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COUNTY TO HELP INDIANS FIND A CASINO SITE

By Dan Rattiner

For years, political leaders on every level of Long Island have fought the Shinnecock Indian Nation's plan to build a casino on wooded waterfront property they own in Hampton Bays, just to the northwest of the Shinnecock Canal. It was felt such a casino would have a huge impact on traffic and lifestyle. It needed not to happen.

That was then. This is now. The County of Suffolk, this past week, proposed to create a gaming casino task force committee within the county government to work with the Indian Nation to find a suitable location for such a facility.

The changes that have taken place to make this happen are threefold.

One is that the approval of the Shinnecocks as a registered Federal Indian tribe, now seems imminent. For 100 years, the tribe has been recognized by the State of New York, but not by the Federal government. And you need to be recognized by the Feds to run a casino. Until now, recognition seemed far way, perhaps as much as 20 years. Now, a court order — the Shinnecocks applied for federal recognition in the 1970s — has put this measure on the fast track. A decision is expected within a year and a half.

The second thing that has happened is that the authorities and the Indians are just tired of fighting with one another over this. If a casino happens, there will have to be lots of infrastructure changes surrounding it, which will be the responsibility of the authorities, and for that to happen the best way, cooperation is better than confrontation.

The third thing is that the Shinnecocks have come to see that Hampton Bays is probably the wrong place for a casino. A more logical place for it would seem to be the old Grumman Airport facility, now owned by the Town of

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Agents

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out from under you. If you object to relocating, the agent might go about this covertly. Watch for these telltale signs:

1. You're admonished to keep the house clean at all times. Your normally easy going real estate partner is constantly Windexing, vacuuming and straightening up. He is making the house a show place because it is, in fact, being shown.

2. Personal effects like family photos, diaries, and intimate apparel disappear in the morning, only to reappear in the evening.

3. Every weekend you're provided with free matinee tickets or brunch coupons that must be used between 12 and 2. Yes, open houses have been scheduled. If you want to be sure, check the ground near your property line. Deep symmetrical holes, about 2 1/2 feet apart, are clear indicators of signage.

Eventually, the disorder progresses until the agent takes on yet another persona: she will become her own customer. After all, if she sells the house she lives in, she has to become a buyer and find another one. This means you will be dragged around from house to house (that you don't want), and constantly be updated, via email and phone, about new listings or price reductions (that you don't care about).

Selling their own houses and looking to buy another is actually a brilliant self-preservation strategy for agents craving activity — it makes them involved in every step of the process and they earn a double commission! But if you live with an agent doing this and you don't want to move, this would be the time to seek professional help so things don't get ugly at a closing table.

Other behaviors to watch for include the following:

Nightmares: If the agent wakes up sweating, nervously muttering, "No MLS! No MLS!" calm him by reciting the addresses of his exclusives.

Manic behavior: While driving to a movie, the agent slows the car at every other house, compulsively reciting town data in a robotic tone. "That sold for 1.5 in '07, now they want 1.4. They haven't adjusted to the market… That house has had three price reductions since June but they don't have to sell. If it were my exclusive I'd take it off the market until the spring."

Humor agents in these situations. Pretending you're a customer will help their mood. Ask questions like, "Do they have a current C/O? Is it one or two zone heating?" Knowing the answers is a real boost to an agent's ego, and if he doesn't have the facts, finding them will give him something constructive to do. But for god's sake don't make an offer unless you're serious. That could put him over the edge.

On the popcorn line, be aware of the agent becoming preoccupied with a discount coupon. "This says 10% off any size popcorn, but the percentage shouldn't be the same for all price points. A 35 cent savings on $3.50 isn't incentive enough for me to make that commitment."

If the agent doesn't succeed in this negotiation, he may turn his sights to you.

"I know originally we were planning to split this 50/50, but I was the one who actually got the popcorn. So you pay the first 10% and we'll split the remainder." Best to just go along in this case.

Sitting in the theatre, you may notice the agent isn't laughing at the funny parts. Instead, every time a scene shows a house, he or she leans over and says "Out here that would sell for 2.3 in a good market; now, maybe 1.8, *maybe*." Pricing fictitious properties indicates a possible break with reality that does call for professional help.

Short of therapy and reassurance, here are a few gift ideas to help real estate agents get through these tough times.

An e-Bay account. Great opportunity for an agent to get that selling fix. Just be aware if personal items go missing.

Films: *Glengarry Glen Ross, The Money Pit, Pacific Heights, The Apartment.* Hold off on *The War of the Roses* until absolutely necessary.

Monopoly sets. If you play against an agent, by all means let him convince you to mortgage everything to buy Park Place, but give him a fight. Sell all the yellow properties to him well below market value, only to buy them back later at an inflated price. Buy hotels for each of your monopolies, even if it puts you in a tight financial position. Then, when you go bankrupt, humor the agent who says that you over-invested in home improvements that you won't be able to recoup.

These Monopoly strategies could provide emotional rescue for a real estate agent. But there's really only one that you must remember when playing the game: Whatever else you do or don't do, for god's sake, let him win.

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Polar Bears in the Hamptons are Far from Endangered

By Debbie Tuma

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On a blustery December morning at 10 a.m., a loud cannon fired several shots into the freezing air, a flag was dropped, and over 1,000 people and dogs ran down the ocean beach into 46-degree water.

Many people wore either wild costumes or barely anything at all. Dress included everything from tiny bikinis to Santa suits. People were getting their pictures taken with a huge inflatable bear that sat in the middle of a sand dune with the words, "Polar Bear Plunge" emblazed on it.

Kevin Bodkin of Sag Harbor was dressed as a Christmas tree, his wife Margaret as a snowman. Their friend Jimmy Mack sported a shiny mermaid outfit. "I come to the Polar Bear Plunge every year," said Mack. "My boss sponsored me, and the money goes to help people in need, so it's worth getting wet in the winter," he smiled.

Despite frigid temperatures in the 30s and rougher than normal surf, the fifth annual Polar Bear Plunge took place with a record turnout last Saturday at Cooper's Beach in Southampton. Some ran to the water's edge just to dunk their feet, while others actually swam out in the freezing surf. As a safety precaution, the Hampton Bays fire department staff was on hand for emergencies, and there was plenty of coffee and hot chocolate on hand to help the plungers warm up.

Michael Paez, 50, of Southampton, was shaking water off his frozen hair as his daughter handed him a towel. "I'm on the Santa Team," said Paez, wearing nothing but red shorts, white socks and black boots. "It is colder outside than last year, but the water's warmer, at 46 degrees, instead of 41 degrees last year."

His daughter, Katie, 13, shrugged, "I think he's crazy, but then he's always been that way."

Pat Mink, 56, dried off her leopard outfit as she ran out of the waves. "I'm dressed as a wild cougar," she laughed. "My friend and I left at 7:30 a.m. to drive here from Massapequa. I love jumping in the water — it rejuvenates me and makes me feel young again."

Her friend, Rosemary DeMaria, said, "I drove her out to take pictures. I've never seen so many funny costumes."

Many people jumped in with their teams. Matt Mobius of Southampton was on the Hampton Physical Therapy Team, and an entire family — Edward Simioni and his teenage sons, Adrian and Eric — jumped in together.

Fred Loucka, 66, of Sag Harbor, was one of the last in, since he couldn't find a parking spot. But the former lifeguard decided to swim way out in the crashing waves. "When you're all psyched up, it's easy," he said. But his partner, Carol Jaswal, said swimming in December wasn't for her. "I'd rather give money than be foolish," she said.

The funds raised at this event, through various sponsors, go to the Human Resources of the Hamptons (HRH), a non-profit group that works in the local community to provide help to needy families and children, subsidizing heating fuel, medical transportation, school supplies, food

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"But doesn't that mean that you have more elves on hand than you might otherwise?"

"It does. But there's no other way."

"Well," said Nick, "I think there is."

And so it was that on the week before Christmas, Ernie and a whole lot of other chubby elves had really important jobs to do for what Zebediah named the Royal Brigade, (because they cleaned royal sized chimneys). Last year, Ernie did the chimneys in Holland and Ethiopia, and this year, he's been assigned the Principality of Liechtenstein, where there are all sorts of castle chimneys and mansion chimneys and palace chimneys and fortress chimneys and — guess what — he's also been assigned all the chimneys of the Hamptons, home of some of the biggest mansions with the largest chimneys in the world. Look for him. He's the elf with the big shock of red hair sticking out from beneath his little dirty white elf cap.

You'll have to stay up until after midnight to see him, of course, and with the project taking a week, there's no guaranteeing which day he'll be here.

If you see him, wave hello and thank him for keeping Santa all red and white. But other than that, my advice is to just leave a bag full of homemade ginger snaps in the fireplace for the week. On one particular morning, the bag will be gone and there will only be a few ginger snap crumbs there, and if you get down low and look up through the chimney damper, all the way up, it will be clean and tidy and you'll be able to see the sky.

Ernie the Elf had been there, and he'd done his job.

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And you can count of this: When Ernie the Elf gets back to the North Pole, his job done, he'll sit down and eat a celebration meal of lasagna and pecan pie and meatloaf and cheese potatoes and goose pate and baked Alaska, well, actually baked North Pole, in exactly that order. And while he finishes up by handing out some homemade ginger snaps, he'll tell everybody about the wonderful world of the Hamptons, with its windmills, churches, saltbox houses, vineyards, potato fields, old English downtowns, fishing villages and beaches.

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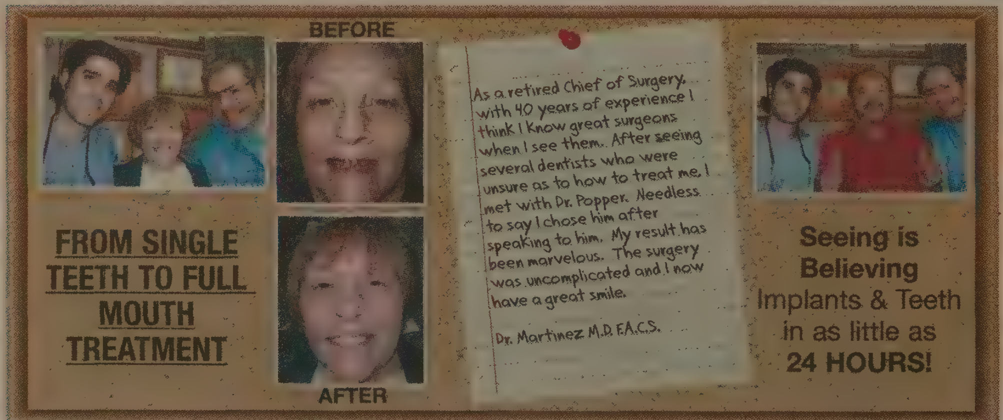

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THE HAMPTON SUBWAY NEWSLETTER

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By Dan Rattiner

Week of December 19 to January 8, 2008
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DOWN IN THE TUBE

Jon Stewart, Martha Stewart and Stewart "Mr. Broadway" Lane were talking together on the Sag Harbor platform on Tuesday. Our spy was not close enough to hear what they were talking about.

BAILOUT MONEY LOST

Subway Commissioner Aspinall, on his way back from Washington with $800 million in a suitcase that was the first installment of the government bailout money he had obtained for the Subway, apparently forgot to check this piece of luggage as he was boarding the Delta flight that would have taken him back to New York. The Delta flight was ordered back to Dulles by air traffic controllers shortly after takeoff when the pilot reported a disorderly and distraught subway commissioner misbehaving in his seat. But the bag, which had been left at the check in counter, was gone.

"I blame this entirely on Delta Airlines, and the media," the Commissioner said when he finally got back to LaGuardia empty handed. "I blame it on Delta because they charge $15 for every piece of luggage. I was arguing with the gate attendant when they announced the last call for boarding. So it got left behind. And I blame the media because when I came down to Washington to participate in bailout negotiations two weeks ago, I flew in our private jet and the media had a field day. So this time, I had to go on a commercial flight. If it hadn't been for the media, I'd never have been on Delta. And if I hadn't been on Delta, the money would be at our headquarters today."

Those who were present when the money was turned over to Aspinall by Ben Bernake, say that the money, 800 $1 million dollar bills, were counted three times, once by Bernake, once by George Bush and once by Aspinall before being placed in the brown suitcase. A $1 million dollar bill is the largest bill the government prints and is fully negotiable.

The Subway Board has called an emergency meeting for next Thursday to consider the situation. There is fear that with Aspinall unable to transport $400 million safely back to Hampton Bays, the remainder of the $1.6 billion bailout may be cancelled.

Dulles Airport police are looking for someone, a man or a woman, wheeling a brown suitcase with $400 million dollars in it. Anyone in Washington seeing such a person is asked to call 911. All calls will remain anonymous.

HAMPTON SUBWAY CHRISTMAS PARTY IS CHEERFUL BUT SUBDUED

Forty-five Hampton Subway employees attended the annual company Christmas party at the main office in Hampton Bays. But with spouses, as an economy measure, not permitted this year, with no alcohol served because of insurance risks and because of Aspinall losing the $400 million, it was a rather somber occasion. Aspinall played the two Christmas carols he knows on the piano, as he does every year. They are "Silent Night," and "Jingle Bells."

COMMISSIONER ASPINALL'S MESSAGE

I have nothing to say this week.

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Plum Island Center May Shut Down for Good

By Tiffany Razzano

East End residents, especially those on the North Fork, can now rest easy.

After years of federal studies and numerous local public hearings over the past 10 months, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has chosen Manhattan, Kansas, out of six possible locations, as the site of a future National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility, a Bio-Safety Level 4 laboratory, rather than the Animal Disease Center (ADC) on Plum Island, which would have been upgraded if it were chosen. At Level 4 labs, some of the most dangerous, communicable animal diseases known to man are studied.

Currently, Plum Island operates at BSL-3 and is known primarily for its work with foot-and-mouth disease. Local officials and residents had been arguing against the upgrade, claiming the North Fork has no proper evacuation route and that such a lab shouldn't be located in the New York metropolitan area.

"The current facility is too small to meet new research needs, has an outdated physical structure and is not appropriate for zoonotic disease research that must be conducted at BSL-4," reads a statement from the DHS.

There is, however, a catch.

In order to open the BSL-4 lab in Kansas, the DHS said that Plum Island, a local institution that has been in operation since the 1950s and is viewed as a boon to the local economy, will have to be shut down. Scott Russell, supervisor of Southold Town, said he received a call from the DHS prior to its public announcement of the location of the future BSL-4 lab, and he was told Plum Island would be open "for no less than five more years and no more than 10."

And while local officials rallied against Plum Island becoming a BSL-4 research center, they fought equally as hard to keep the ADC operating at a BSL-3. "We want them to stay a part of our economical landscape," Russell said. "I'm happy it was rejected as a BSL-4, but Plum Island is good as a valid, viable BSL-3."

Officials are still hopeful that Plum Island will remain as is. The federal government recently funneled about $50 million into upgrading the facilities. Congressman Tim Bishop said in a statement that he "questioned the wisdom of spending nearly half a billion dollars to create a massive new research facility that would duplicate many of the functions currently served by Plum Island."

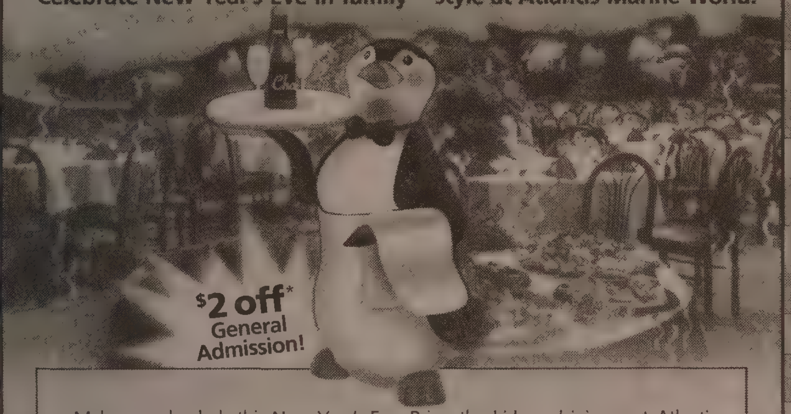
"It's unlikely they would invest that much money in something with a life expectancy of seven to 10 years," Russell said.

Also, there's no telling what the priorities of president-elect Barack Obama will be once he is sworn in January. Bishop said that while the BSL-4 laboratory was a priority of the Bush administration, it's unclear whether or not it will remain a priority for Obama. "I will be urging the Obama administration to allow Plum Island to continue to serve our nation in its current capacity as a Bio-Safety Level 3 facility, and I will further urge the new administration to utilize existing facilities to meet other research needs," he said. "Plum Island's critically important mission of protecting the nation's livestock from foreign disease agents and its highly skilled and dedicated employees are instrumental in maintaining the health and security of the United States."

"There's a new day in Washington," said Russell, who is hopeful the new administration will decide to keep the lab on Plum open. "There are changes all over Washington."

Bishop said he will meet with the new secretary of the DHS early next year to aid in the fight to keep business as usual at Plum Island and to help find "more cost-effective methods of meeting additional national defense research needs."

Because of legislation passed by congress earlier this year, the DHS can't use any funds to begin construction of the new facility in Kansas until it, as well as the Government Accountability Office, has conducted more studies.



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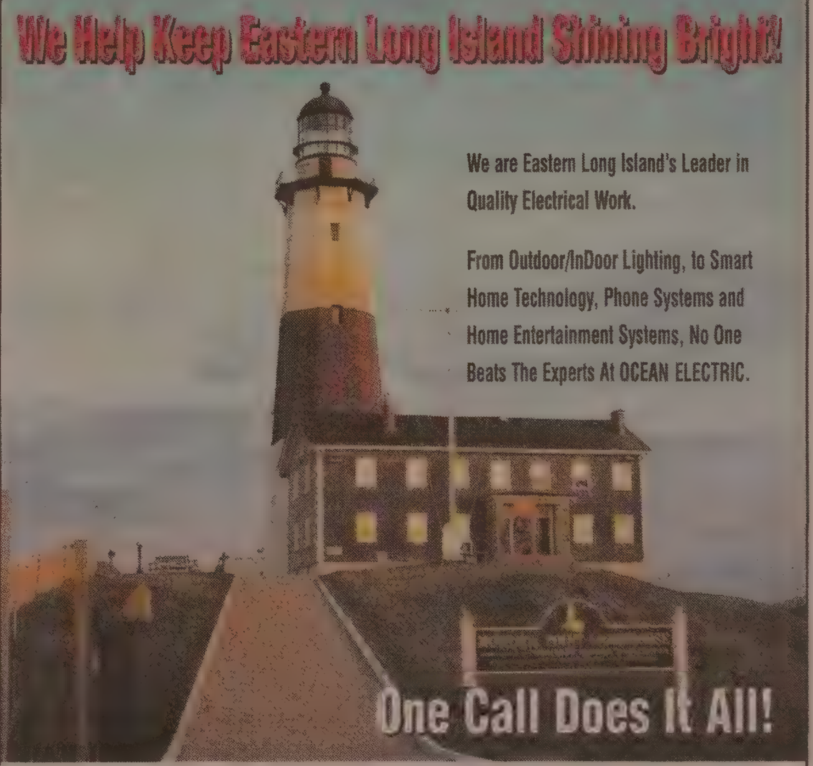

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One Second

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has been going on, without adjustment, since 238 BC, when the King of Egypt, Ptolemy III, declared that's what we should do. It happens like clockwork, that extra day. Apparently, our voyage around the sun is consistent enough so we can do that.

The reason for the difference seems to be that the whirl around on the axis is not anything you can put your finger on. It is definitely slowing, but as they calculate each year at the International Earth Rotation and Reference System Service building in Frankfurt, Germany, it is slowing slower some years and slowing faster other years. Maybe every once in a while it bumps into something which slows it down as it whirls around — a plastic bottle or a piece of Styrofoam — and that affects it one way or another. Hit a deer and it's definitely an extra second. I don't think anybody really knows. Indeed, scientists are so unsure of all of this that down at the International Earth Rotation Etc. Etc. Etc., they have a second ready to SUBTRACT from the year if need be, for example, if suddenly the earth gets hit with something from behind, speeds up and the time passes faster. They keep it in a closet. But they've never had to use it.

I am not making this up.

From the beginning of time when the cavemen observed the sun going around the world, it was felt that it was pretty easy to divide everything up into seconds, minutes and hours. Stonehenge got built. It took scientists a long time to figure out what it was all about. Turned out it was a kind of sundial that proved the theory of the 24-hour day — more proof of God's benevolence.

It was, of course, a little rough around the edges, this business of the sun going around the world — weren't they surprised when they learned it was the world going around the sun — and finally, in 1970, when modern rocket science, computers and lights inside refrigerators that lit when you opened the door came into existence, it was felt that it was time for there to be an absolutely consistent and precise way of dicing time. Thus, in that year, they went off the old standard and onto a new one. Since 1970, a second has been calculated as the amount of time it took for a humble, little known atom called Caesium-133 to send out 9,192,631,770 quivers of radiation into the atmosphere. This was a steady thing, not slowing down and you could count on it.

Thus were atomic clocks born. Down in Cape Canaveral, scientists could now say with confidence that when they counted down a rocket ship on a launching pad, five, four, three, two, one, ZERO, it was exactly, exactly the same on the rocket as it was in the control room.

For a long time in the 1970s and 1980s, this exact time was transmitted by counting it down exactly over the radio to people with clocks and watches around the world.

"And now, if you'd care to set your watch, the exact time. At the tone, it will be 9 p.m."

Beep.

Soon, Russian and American space satellites were launched that could beam this exact time down, not only to other countries, but also to wall clocks, church tower clocks, refrigerators, timers and even wristwatches. Most wristwatches today are hooked up by satellite to the atomic clock. It's no longer at all expensive to do.

I do have to interject here that I recall what it was like before we had atomic clocks. You'd have an appointment and because clocks and wristwatches were never the same, you'd always give everybody leeway about when they showed up. You'd show up early or late. The person you were meeting would show up early or late. Since nobody knew what the exact time was, nobody got pissed off if you were late, unless, of course, you were a half an hour late. You ought to know better than that.

If you ever watch old black and white movies from the 1930s, you see this phenomenon.

"My brother said he'd be here at 6:15," Bette Davis says, looking at the clock on the mantle which now says 6:15.

"Oh, I'm sure he'll be here."

Well, those days are gone forever.

So now, here it is, about to be 2009, and after a gap of five years, we are adding this second. The earth has been good, avoiding beer cans and plastic six pack holders, pedestrians and whatever, so its been keeping near to steady a long time. The second, in sequence, will read like this.

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South O' the Highway (and the North too)

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celebrity correspondent and MTV executive producer, has a new TV project. "Celebrity Bromances: Ranked," takes a comical look at Hollywood's most famous Celebrity Bromances, and ranks them. The program, which features **George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Ben Affleck** and **The Jonas Brothers**, premiered on December 13. Check listings for future airings!

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Since liquor at **Vered** Gallery parties has been banned, this year's holiday auction has found a new home — on eBayLive. The auction will feature 159 lots, paintings, sculptures and photographs, and include works by Picasso, Chagall, Avery, Hockney, Sam Francis, Man Ray and Hamptons artists de Kooning, Bleckner, Rivers, Gwathmey, Klein and Stern. 100% of designated lots are being sold to benefit Sderot. Best the online competition and view the lots live at Vered Gallery daily. Final bidding begins Sunday, December 21, at noon. There might not be any Champagne, but there will be lots of lots to take home! Visit liveauctioneers.com for more information.

Polar

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pantries and tutoring.

Mary-Anne Tupper, HRH Director, made sure all the swimmers warmed up with chili, soup, hot dogs, donuts, and other food donated by local businesses including The Golden Pear and The Cheese Shop in Southampton. Her husband, Bill Tupper, said last year this event raised over $100,000 for needy families. Over the five years, they hope to raise more than $500,000.

Jim Van Nostrand, Southampton Village Administrator, said an anonymous donor put up $100 for each village employee, as well as fireman, police and ambulance volunteers who jumped in. The Tomorrow Foundation sponsored school district employees at $100 per person — $200 for principals. Elected officials were backed by a $200 pledge, and Bob Gianos of East End Properties sponsored SHHS and Intermediate School students at $50 each. Wright & Company Construction sponsored its own employees and their families for $100 each.

"Everyone looks forward to this event each year because it's like one big happy family," said Van Nostrand, who was dressed as a "Surfer Gorilla" for his first year at the Plunge.

The idea for the Polar Bear Plunge at Cooper's Beach came from Gary Glanz of Southampton, who participated in a similar event in Maryland which raised $50,000. "I thought if they could raise $50,000 in that little town, that in Southampton we could raise a lot more, and I was right," he said.

For more information on the Polar Bear Plunge and the Human Resources of the Hamptons: hrhamptons.org

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Spiders

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pen before, also to a dog that had just had a bath. Odd. In a matter of hours that dog's leg had swollen up. The suspect was an elusive culprit indigenous yet uncommon to these parts: the brown recluse.

The news got worse, Dr. Yager, who eventually oversaw the entire run of Daisy's decline and return to health, called to confirm Dr. Dubato's warning: Daisy's skin had started to necrose, it was turning black and could die off completely. I asked if she'd seen this before. She shot from the hip, "Yes, unfortunately, and it's not good."

We visited Daisy every other day for belly petting sessions. The skin along her leg and elbow died off, leaving what looked like a burn wound. Skin grafts were discussed, biopsies and cultures came back but there was still no smoking gun.

I called an expert on insect identification, Dan Gilhrein at Cornell Co-operative Extention. He's never seen a brown recluse locally, but someone had brought in a black widow spider that had been living under their bed for quite some time. This, he said, is typical of some spiders. The brown recluse is so named because it avoids activity. They live in wood piles and won't bother anyone if undisturbed. "This is an opportunity to investigate all the native local spiders of Long Island," said Gilhrein.

An interesting future project, but the fact was, my 70ish mother and 7-year-old nephew were coming to visit. I didn't want to take any chances. I warned my family, an intrepid bunch who decided to come any way.

A plumber had recently told me that my one of my neighbors was bitten by a brown recluse. He and his wife bought the house next door and remodeled it. Then one night she got in bed and it was between the sheets. She ended up in the hospital for weeks. I couldn't reach her to find out what happened or how she was treated, so I looked up the brown recluse on Wikipedia. It is a brown spider, with a body 1/4 to 3/4 inches long, displaying a distinct violin-shaped marking on its back. The venom is especially poisonous. This became the impetus for a industrial strength cleaning binge.

It's possible that the spider had been living in the closet I'd just cleaned out, inadvertently setting the entire thing in motion. Spiders like warm damp areas, just like my freshly washed dog that always plops down in front of that closet to snooze. Or it could have crawled onto her outside. She could have picked it up anywhere, but I began to overindulge in my worst fear — that I'd been living with the thing all along.

We took the house apart. My husband tackled the basement. All the furniture was moved, paintings came off walls, things were turned upside down and inside out. Armed with vacuums, we eradicated the spider population. Daily spider reports indicated that we hosted many kinds. There were four spiders behind a print, seven behind a painting, many behind the bookcase with record albums that hadn't been moved since we bought the house. They were in kitchen cupboards, corners and closets.

Behind the kitchen stove, the largest wolf spider I have ever seen was curled up in a ball. This is precisely the kind of spider I'd put a glass over and transport outside, but reason had left me. I approached it with the vacuum. The spider was so big I could hear it tumble down the hose. I wondered if it would survive the suction and eat all the other spiders already in the bag. There was also the possiblity that they could all crawl right back out …

After Thanksgiving dinner we all visited Daisy, turkey tidbits in hand and leftovers for Dr. MacLaughlin who was on duty that night. Even though Daisy was in incredibly capable hands and was beginning to heal, I was starting to come undone.

Through the website JungleButterfly.com, I had e-mailed a rundown of the events to a friend, Michael Malliet. He had worked on the East End for decades, as an entomologist, in pest control, and raising bees. He now runs a butterfly farm in Guanacaste, Costa Rica. He knows the East End insect life intimately — a virtual walking encyclopedia of insects and their behavior. I was sure that he'd be able to determine if this was the work of a brown recluse.

He called a day after, leaving a message that I replayed for the vet. "I'm almost 100% sure, more like 110% sure, that it was a brown recluse, *Loxoceles reclusa*. It's the only culprit in the area that could do something like that, especially with the activities that you described just prior to the dog having reacted the way it did. It causes skin necrosis right down to the bone … Fever accompanies the bite, we really don't have anything else in the area that does that. And I have seen and met people who have been bitten by brown recluses."

"So that's it," Dr. Yager affirmed. A case of the jitters set in that I am still trying to shake.

I've vacuumed the interior of all my shoes and I find myself investigating the legs of pants I haven't worn for a while. I whip back the sheets every night before climbing in. Every little body hair that twitches makes me nervous.

Everyone has a spider story, some people even have brown recluse stories. One woman gave me the details of her experience: her leg swelled, got very sensitive, and was burningly painful before she limped to the doctor. But she didn't deep clean her house, fumigate or lose her nerve.

Not so for me. I still have conversations with myself as I flip back the sheets yet again. After all, the house has never been cleaner, the basement is finally getting reorganized and we sprayed the yard with the wintergreen and rosemary extract that we use for ticks. Both are arachnids, and while the spray does not linger like a pyrethroid can, it is effective for whatever it contacts … at the moment.

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Casino

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Riverhead, in a vast, but isolated, area in Calverton, and which is already has projects that include industry, resorts and even a giant, indoor year-round ski mountain scheduled.

The residents of the Indian Nation, located on a reservation within Southampton Town, are still living near poverty levels. They want to find a solution to their economic situation while maintaining their tribal ways. And a casino would solve that. A County Task Force could help ease the way to finding this solution. We applaud the County for making this effort.

One Second

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12:00.00 a.m., January 1, 2009

This would seem to be an enormous job all around the world, sticking this into all the clocks. But it is not. They shove that extra second in between 59 and 00 down in Frankfurt, and it automatically shoves it into all the clocks everywhere.

We hope. What with spam, computer viruses, cookies, the speed of sound, terrorists and flocks of birds flying into airplane engines, things could possibly go wrong. But I can assure you the armed forces are on full alert just prior to and during this second. And it is expected to be inserted everywhere seamlessly.

Personally, I don't have any plans for this extra second. I keep a busy schedule and try to always have something to do. But here comes this extra second. And I have no plans. Neither does, it seems to me, anybody else. There's no special on TV for that time, or a sporting event or some lecture or show. I think we've all been caught off guard. Who knew it was coming? There's been no time to plan.

Maybe the best thing to do is this.

It's approaching midnight. Stand up, hold up a glass of champagne and lead everybody in the countdown chant.

TEN, NINE, EIGHT, SEVEN, SIX, FIVE, FOUR, THREE, TWO, ONE, ONE ZERO!!! WELCOME TO 2009.

So there it was. Time sure flies.

TWENTYSOMETHING...

By David Lion Rattiner

All I Want for Christmas is Gift-Giving Respect

I don't care what anybody says, Christmas time is stressful. The transition from Christmas being a fun and joyous holiday into a stressful holiday is slow, and my guess is that it peaks when you have children at the age of 16 and 17 years old, "Dad, I'd like you to get me a car."

It's all relative I guess, but you are either the provider or the provid-ee around Christmas time. It does feel good to give a present to someone you care about. But it does not feel good when you want to give someone a present you know that they want, only to accept the fact that you can't afford to give it.

I have a very big family, filled with step- and half-brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews. Every one is special to me and every one needs to get a Christmas present. This year alone, I've acquired three new step-siblings. Do you get step-siblings presents when your Dad remarries at 69 years old? Yes.

What ends up happening is that I spend an enormous amount of money on gifts, but it's spread so thin that nobody is very psyched about what I've given them. It makes me nuts.

I'm a big fan of the secret Santa system that we have at the *Dan's Papers* office. You pick a name out of a hat and you get that employee a gift for $20 or less. You can't look cheap or bad because there are rules. It's a beautiful thing.

I'm considering proposing this idea to my family in a pathetic attempt to save money on Christmas presents and still get Christmas gift respect. My guess is that the suggestion will just turn into a very big fight among all of my siblings who will no doubt attempt to mastermind a way to have their name drawn by Dad.

Because I'm half Jewish and half Irish Catholic, Christmas time never ceases to cause such joy, stress and weirdness. It is arguably the most flagrant holiday where the difference between the Jewish and Catholic religions are paraded just about everywhere.

When you break it down to fundamentals, there is practically no difference between being Jewish and Catholic, except at Christmas, which is really the main reason why I accept both as my personal religion. I'll go to Temple, I'll go to Church and I'm fine with both. I'll also celebrate all of the holidays equally as long as there is a significant amount of food involved. Take out where you go to pray and who you listen to, it's all about being a good person and doing the right thing.

However, the Catholic side of me can't help but think that Christmas really is the ultimate, most awesome holiday. Even the Jewish side of my family, and many Jewish people I know, celebrate Christmas because it is so much fun.

Most years there's something specific that I would really like for Christmas. I think the most significant Christmas gift I ever received was a Sega Game Gear hand held console. But this year, one of the main things I want for Christmas is a little gift-giving respect.

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Gas

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trucks direct from their refineries. So the new law does not apply to them."

In other words, although the gas comes out of the ground everywhere the same, it depends where it goes before it gets to the pump. If it goes to a Mobil owned oil refinery and gets stamped MOBIL, then they can continue doing zone pricing. If it gets marked "generic" and gets bought by an independent wholesaler who ships it out to independent gas stations, then they can't do zone pricing.

In a strange way, this situation gives a big boost to the independent stations. When the word gets out that the gas you get there is cheaper, the old mom and pop owned stations, which often provide not only gas, but friendly repair service, will get lots more business. So hooray for the folks who own the B & L Service Station in North Sea and the Superior Gas Station in Aquebogue and PayLess Gas Station in East Hampton.

If matters go that way, then soon the majors will have to lower their prices anyway to compete. On the other hand, because gas is gas and the cost by the barrel is the same, perhaps the lower price required for compliance will cause the mom and pops to be unable to make enough money to stay in business.

One final thought. With the economy in the dumps, the Hamptons could get hit particularly hard since it centers on tourism and Wall Street. If this place goes even further into the dumps, perhaps the zone pricing will drop away anyway because the Hamptons will no longer be home for the rich. We shall see.

Estate

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during the short week of Thanksgiving, applications for refinance were triple what they were a year ago. But applications are still only one quarter what they were during what some people are calling the massive fraud era. So instead of new buying activity in the tundra of Hamptons home sales, the wealthiest of the wealthy are finding ways to maintain their mansions at record low rates. As it is, many of those well-heeled homeowners carry mortgages not because they have to, but to maximize income tax benefits. The unnamed source said, "We know who they are, we know they will pass with flying colors, so we are contacting them or their representatives and giving them a shout. It's smart business."

Asked if this was affecting the amount of money available to first time homebuyers, the source gave a less definitive answer. "Money is always available to new home buyers, it is our business. But due diligence is making it tougher for people without proven track records of paying mortgages, and who aren't really well financed in all aspects of their lives, to get homes than it is for the winners to refinance.

So the good news is if you own over 30% equity in your home and your credit score is over 720, which is nearly perfect, then you are eligible for some refinancing at post World War II rates. A low of 4.5% might offset the sting of how your mutual funds, 401K, other retirement plans, and the rest of your investments are performing.

However, those who experienced a drop in income; those trying to sell their homes, which have dropped in value at least 11% Hamptons-wide in the last year; and those whose equity in the home is less than 20%, shouldn't be overly optimistic on either refinancing or tapping into existing equity to raise cash.

Professor Carrington at George Washington University Business School used to say, "You never borrow money to pay bills. Doing that doesn't address the problem and just puts you in more debt, making a bigger problem. Borrow money to finance expansion, or invest in other income producing ventures."

The smart money is reducing costs because they can afford to, while those in trouble aren't eligible to reduce the very costs that might be sinking them. In other words, those who don't need the loans can get them; those who really need help are unwelcome. With one out of 10 homes with financing in some form of foreclosure or delinquency nationwide, it's a dilemma.

How will this trend end? With jobs disappearing at record rates, savings at record lows and confidence in Wall Street shattered, not many people are predicting 2009 to be the best year ever. Many are just hoping it won't be the worst year ever.

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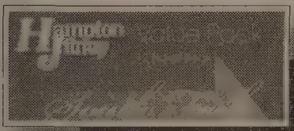

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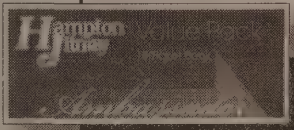

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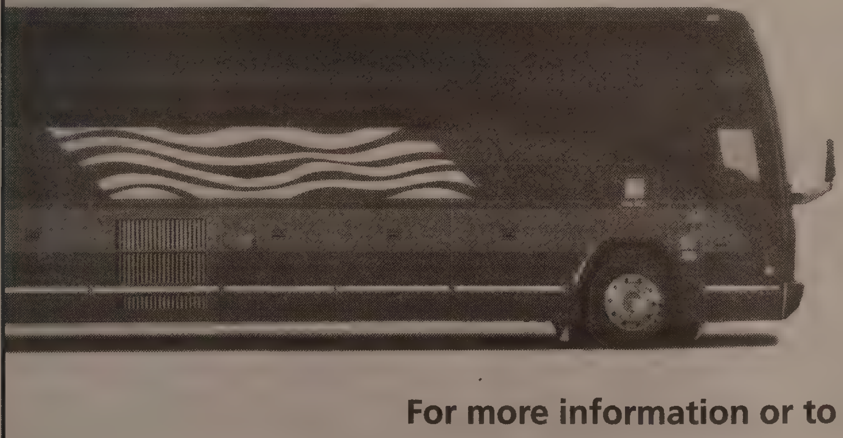

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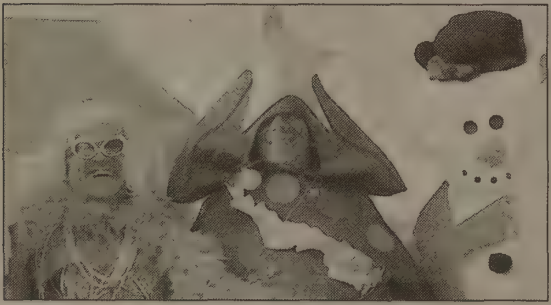
Joe Pintauro, Dallas Ernst, Michael McDowell, Michael Rosch, Nathan Joseph, Joan Kraisky, Michael Knigin, and Dorothy Frankel were just a few of the artists on display at Julie Keyes' Gallery in Sag Harbor, where a percentage of the proceeds benefited the Bridgehampton Community Center.

Dan's Papers Goes To...

Lisa Tamburini

POLAR BEAR PLUNGE

Over 500 brave souls took the plunge in Southampton to benefit the 'Human Resources of the Hampton's', during the 5th Annual Polar Bear Plunge. As usual, plungers arrived in festive costumes. Leading the parade, dressed as a penguin, was Mayor Mark Epley, along with assorted Santa's, a Christmas Tree, Frosty, Garfied the Cat. "It was a resounding success" said Executive Director, Mary Ann Tupper who said that over $75,000 was raised. Can't wait til next year!



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TIME FOR TEENS HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

Lisa Tamburini

"Time For Teens" was held at the North Haven home of Kathie Russo who decided to turn her annual holiday party into a fundraiser. Time for Teens, a non-profit organization founded by Laraine Gordon, is designed to help adolescents work through their grief after the death of a loved one. Entertainment was provided by the Acapella singing group "One Diva Too Many".

Cheryl Babinski, Allanah Kirk, Nick Wolff

Marissa Maur, Brenda Siemer, Laraine Gordon, Kathie Russo, Molly Channing, Susan Burnside, Rene Mauborgne.

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Acapella singing group, "One Diva Too Many"

North Fork

Rhyme Scheme: NF Poetry

By Phyllis Lombardi

It's how we learned history. "In fourteen-hundred and ninety-two, Columbus sailed the ocean blue." And how we learned to count. "One, two, buckle my shoe." Even how we learned love of country. "My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty." Later we learned about romantic love. "For thy sweet love remember'd such wealth brings, that then I scorn to change my state with kings."

It was poetry every step of the way. I confess we sometimes balked, back in school, when a big, mean teacher told us to get out our literature books and open to page 30. We were going to read a poem. Oh, the moans, the groans.

Now folks on the North Fork respond happily to poetry and then some. They encourage it. Just see what Greenport's Congregation Tifereth Israel and Cutchogue's North Fork Reform Synagogue came up with. They sponsored a poetry contest for North Fork students and the results were impressive.

There was one requirement. The poetry had to deal with inner peace. (I guess even on our blessed fork we could use a bit more of that.) Then the young poets were on their own. And on to something good from what I heard on a windy Sunday afternoon in the Community Room at Mattituck-Laurel Library. That's where a dozen or so poets read their work to an every-seat-taken audience. I'll add that those selected to read had their poetry printed in a booklet and received a monetary award.

Greta Peters, a third-grader at Cutchogue East School, finds peace sitting in a hot tub. Way to go, Greta. And you are certainly wise. The tub quickly becomes too hot and you wish for something "freezing cold." That's people for you. Never satisfied. By the way, Greta's grandparents, Wally and Janie Brunner, came from way off the North Fork to cheer on their poet.

This next poet, fourth-grader Dominique Kart, should send her work to Detroit, especially in this troubled time. Dominique writes "Peace is like a car …… with no exhaust." Dominique attends Our Lady of Mercy School in Cutchogue and admits in her poem "Fluttering Peace" she doesn't really need a car. She's peaceful "walking on the sidewalk." Me too, Dominique.

Two poet-readers came from Oysterponds School. Fourth-grader Marina DeLuca is peaceful with her cat Blacka and even with her younger brother Robby. Now that is unusual. Marina writes about Blacka and Robby in "Peace with Myself." Also in Grade 5 is Ben Bondarchuck. Ben's "Inner Peace Haiku" reveals he's peaceful when "Someone's listening" to him. We all like that, Ben.

Here's a guy, Oliver Orr, from Cutchogue East. Oliver wore a Red Sox jersey as he read and I knew inner peace must have been hard for him during playoffs. As a Yankee fan, I've no sympathy, Oliver, but I like your poetry. Especially the part about "the smell of mom's baking."

Colby Prokop of Cutchogue East was unable to attend the reading so a judge filled in and read Colby's poem "Inner Peace Endures." Colby knows what seagulls cry. "There will be another day." True, Colby, the seagull cry seems eternal.

Applauding loud and long was three-year-old Joey Dolce. He was proud of his older brother, Chris, in fourth grade at Cutchogue East. Chris penned "Arizona." Bet little Joey liked the part where "the sky plays tag with the clouds, the clouds run away."

Not everyone in the audience, however, was there to support a particular poet. Irma and Bob Strimban of Cutchogue, for example. The just came because they think "it's important to hear what young people have to say." Irma and Bob summed up the afternoon as an "incredible experience."

Indeed. There's power and glory in the magic world of a word. Let two of the North Fork's young poets conclude. Alex Waski of Our Lady of Mercy tells us all to "stay quiet." The sound we hear is peace. Finally, Cutchogue East's Caitlin Rivera knows the secret. "Peace is everywhere you look, and peace is everywhere you don't look."

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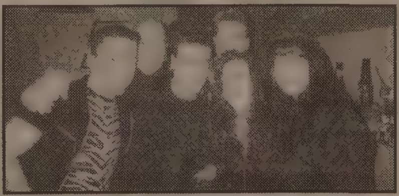

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How Roy DeMeo and Ron Dobert Mapped The NF From The Sky

By Phyllis Lombardi

He's seen it all. Roy DeMeo has. Oh, not necessarily the Great Barrier Reef or the Great Wall of China, but certainly the Great North Fork.

Guess you're thinking what's to see on a limb of land fewer that 50 miles long and, at its widest, under 10 miles. Well, there's plenty to see when you're seeing from up there in the air – like in airplane.

Now Roy is a Cutchogue guy who usually has his feet firmly planted on North Fork ground. It wasn't always that way. In the United States Coast Guard from 1941-1945, Roy felt salt spray from both the Atlantic and Pacific. How he wound up on the North Fork is a story not to be told here. Just know that as a Coast Guard Auxiliary member, Roy now teaches boating safety courses and that's why we're talking airplanes.

It seems Roy thought it would be helpful for North Fork boaters to have an aerial view of all our fork's waterways. So photographer Roy joined Mattituck pilot Ron Dobert. Then they rented a Cessna 172 and up, up, and away they went.

Actually it wasn't that easy. Months of planning went into the project and months of editing followed the flying photos.

I sat in on a showing of the resulting film at Cutchogue United Methodist Church a couple of weeks ago. Wow. From Riverhead to Orient, air-mile by air-mile. Each mile a treasure.

I'll tell you this. If trees are treasure, then we're rich, rich. Except for the farmland, there are trees all over our fork. Even in a metropolis like Riverhead, trees seem to grow right up to Atlantis Marine World Aquarium, for example.

And out at Aquebogue's Reeves Creek, I could see the progress of clam aquaculture. Right there under the wings of the Cessna.

East a bit, the camera lingered along New Suffolk shoreline and the first submarine base in the U.S. That's special. My home is within a few miles of the base so I checked carefully. My husband is usually outside working and I thought maybe Roy would catch him on camera. No luck.

Then Robins Island, that small Peconic Bay "teardrop-shape" island. Roy's words, not mine. But a good choice, I think. A teardrop of joy at the beauty of it all.

On to Southold. Look down there. That's Cedar Point and the Marine Environmental Learning Center. You can't see 'em but lots of school kids have learned the secrets of our precious waters in summer classes at the center.

Check out all those sandbars. No wonder we have a few folks stranded each boating season. You have to "pay attention to all the buoys," said Roy. But it's hard, Roy, when there's so much else to see.

Like Greenport waterfront from the air. Look. There's the carousel, the Greenport water tower, Eastern Long Island Hospital, Greenport School. Did I mention the carousel? Round and round it goes, in and out go the tides, up and down the Cessna. Roy's giving us a workout!

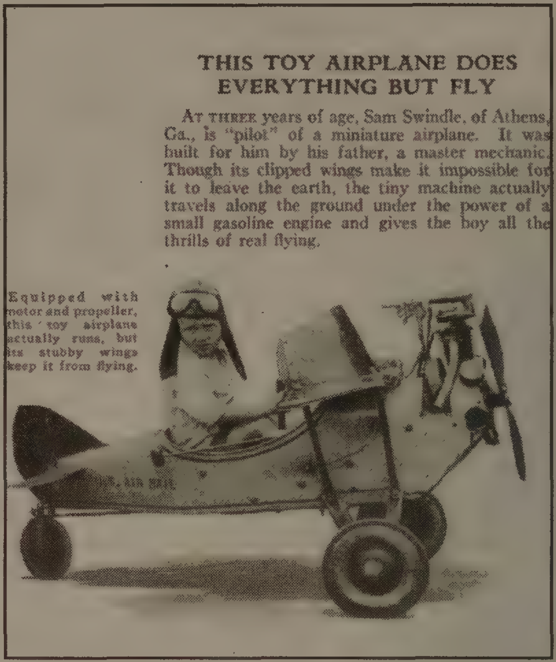
About this point, Roy let up have an air-peek at Shelter Island and the South Fork. O.K., I'll say it. Those two places didn't look too bad.

But back to the North Fork. There's Bug Light and look – Hallock Bay. A bit too early for the ice-boating. Another month, maybe.

Then stop for a bit and have lunch at Orient Beach State Park. Don't let those pesky gulls see your sandwich. Refreshed, we're ready for something special. Roy flew over Plum Island years after 9-11, taking pictures. I asked him if he needed permission. "Not at all," was the brave reply.

I was still uneasy. Every now and then I looked over my shoulder to check whether Homeland Security was approaching the church. I had to think of some excuse for being in the same room as Roy, the roving Plum photographer.

Too soon our air journey ended and back to North Fork earth we came. I urge you to look out for Roy's next program and by all means GO. See silvery waters caress our North Fork, nourishing it, nurturing it. Seeking only acknowledgement in return.



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SMALL BUSINESS COUNSELING - 10 a.m.-1 p.m.—Small Business Counseling with representative from Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE). Call to schedule 30-minute appointment, Riverhead. 631-727-3228, ext. 0. '

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

GALLERY WALK- Gallery Walk in Greenport. Visit Greenport for an evening of gallery hopping, gallery talks, and refreshments. The whole village comes alive at night, with restaurants and shops staying open late. Greenport Village. For more information call the galleries: deCordova Studio 631-477-0620, Siren's Song Gallery 631-477-1021, Gallery M 631-477-9496, Artist's Gallery 631-477-8555, South Street Gallery 631-740-5050, Terrance Joyce Gallery 631-477-0700, and Winterharbor Studio Gallery 631-241-5068.

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BEESWAX PUPPETS - 11 a.m.—Beeswax and puppets with Tom Stock. 1-2 p.m., beaded earrings with Gayle Wagner. Free. 133 East Main St., Riverhead.

VAIL LEAVITT- Vail-Leavitt Music Hall: Saturday, Dec. 20, 8 p.m.—Best of Broadway Winter Wonderland Concert. Tickets, $40 in advance. 631-727-5782.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS- 5-7 p.m.—'Seconds on Us' family dinner at Knights of Columbus, 2050 Depot Lane, Cutchogue. $15 or two for $25, children free. 631-734-7338.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

HANNUKAH MENORAH LIGHTING- 6 p.m.—Hannukah Menorah Lighting in Greenport's Mitchell Park on first day of eight-day holiday. After the ceremony the public is invited for refreshments at Congregation Tifereth Israel, 519 Fourth St., Greenport.

CHRISTMAS TEA- 3-6 p.m.—Christmas Tea; gifts for all, Clinton Memorial AME Zion Church, 614 Third St., Greenport. Donation $10, children free. 631-477-9587.

SNOWFLAKES/CRYSTALS PROGRAM- 11 a.m.-4 p.m.—Snowflakes/Crystals program at Long Island Science Center, 11 West Main St., Riverhead. Learn how snowflakes and crystals are formed, and how to create edible crystals at home. Admission: adults, $2; children, $5. 631-208-8000, www.liscience-center.org.

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DEPARTING	Orient Point	—	—	—	9:30	11:30	**2:30**	**4:00**	**5:30**	—	**7:45**	—
	Orient Village	—	—	7:00	9:35	11:35	**2:35**	**4:05**	**5:35**	—	**7:50**	—
	East Marion	—	—	7:05	9:40	11:40	**2:40**	**4:10**	**5:40**	—	**7:55**	—
	Peconic Landing	—	—	7:07	9:42	11:42	**2:42**	**4:12**	**5:42**	—	**7:57**	—
	Greenport	4:45	6:00	7:15	9:50	11:50	**2:50**	**4:20**	**5:50**	**6:50**	**8:05**	**9:50**
	Southold	4:50	6:10	7:25	10:00	**12:00**	**3:00**	**4:30**	**6:00**	**7:00**	**8:15**	**10:00**
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	Manhattan/59th	7:30	8:30	9:45	11:30	**1:30**	**3:30**	**4:30**	**5:30**	**6:30**	**8:00**
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Art Commentary **by Marion Wolberg Weiss**

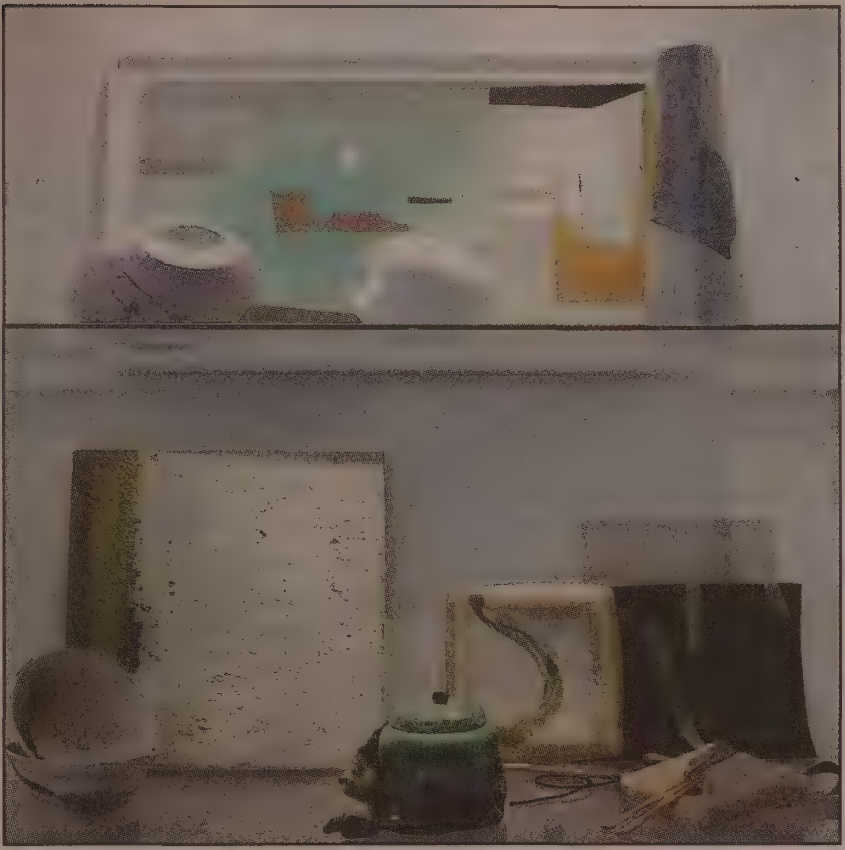
"Gift of Art" at Surface Library

The art is beautiful at Surface Library's current show, but there's something else going on. While the space is filled to the brim with a myriad of art objects, from ceramics to paintings to sculptures and even a costume, peace and serenity prevails. Perhaps it's because the pieces are mostly small and well arranged. No, that's not it.

Perhaps it's the Asian-influenced style that evokes such qualities. Maybe. And then again, perhaps it's the delicate nature of the works' design. Whatever the reasons, this is one of the first times that this critic wanted to buy everything in sight.

A primary theme is the idea of coordination, either combining art forms and/or aesthetic efforts by gallery co-owners James Kennedy and Bob Bachler. For example, there are envelopes - like pieces that include landscape configurations on their surfaces. As envelopes, the works can be employed as a container for papers or as a purse. Many ceramic pieces and miniature landscapes also come with their own silk cases, another way of combining diverse media. This multi-functionalism is carried out in other ways as well, including a sushi dish, which doubles as a casserole.

(It's interesting to note that Bachler characterized objects holding other objects, like a package or case, as a "wrap," reminding us of a sandwich wrap. The idea also recalls Matthew Barney's film, Drawing Restraint 9, which opens with an elaborate ritual of wrapping a present.)



'GIFT OF ART' exhibit at Surface Library Gallery

Kennedy and Bachler often combine their talents by each creating part of an artwork: consider the sushi piece with its dishes and decorated tray. A Geisha-girl sculpture, wearing a gorgeous dress, is also designed and constructed by both Kennedy and Bachler.

There are other works that are not about "coordination" but rather simply about exquisite craftsmanship, like James Seffens' paper mache masks and figures done in the old-world tradition. Pat Swyler's ceramic heads and torsos similarly take us back to another culture and time.

Kennedy's ceramics, on the other hand, use geometric contemporary design for vases (containers of another sort) and abstract paintings. Moreover, the artist employs mixed media on linen and wood to create not only diverse textures but also mythic images as well; such images seem "otherworldly" with their circular forms amidst hardedge configurations.

Kennedy's wooden wall clocks are other shapes that combine geometric patterns and a utilitarian purpose. The clocks are positioned in "another world" where time is not only temporal but spatial, too. Is it possible that this kind of "Coordination " relies on metaphysics rather than aesthetics?

"Gift of Art" will be on view at Surface Library until Dec. 21. Call 631-291-9061 for information.

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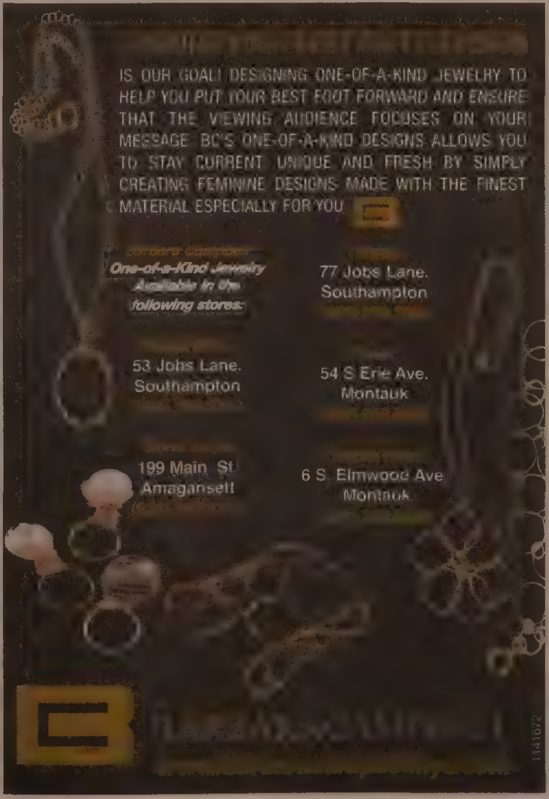

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Shop 'til You Drop... With Maria Tennariello

The holidays are almost here and this is my last shopping column for 2008. I'l be back in '09 with more shopping info, sales and new businesses. Until then, I'd like to wish all my readers "Happy Holidays and a safe and healthy New Year."

Westhampton Beach is a wonderful shopping source for everyone. The shops are up and running for holiday shopping with unique and eclectic gifts. **Chic**, 93 Main Street, is taking 50% off all clothing and 25% off all accessories for your holiday gift giving. For info call Jaime at: 631-998-3781.

How about **Shock and Shock Kids**, 99 and 115 Main Street in Westhampton Beach for great clothing and accessories for grown-ups and children for holiday gift giving? There are great stocking stuffers and more here. Owner, Elyse Richman is holding the annual coat drive and both shops are collecting men's women's and children's new or gently used coats for the needy in the community. All you have to do is stop by and drop off at the "boxes" outside their doors.

Impulse for Men is taking 50% off all sportswear, outerwear and accessories for the holidays, so get going while the choice is still yours.

While you are strolling and shopping Westhampton Beach, be sure to check out the holiday window display at **Main Street Sweets/Ben & Jerry's**, 121 Main Street. You will see incredible three pound chocolate angels, snowmen and soldiers with a real show stopper: the eight pound chocolate Santa's. All items are available for purchase or enter the annual holiday raffle that owner Kenny Schnable has put together. Call 631-288-5753 for info.

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Great stuff at A Little of What You Fancy.

As the holiday season gets closer and closer, **Ananas Spa**, 71 Hill Street, Southampton is offering gift packages and gift cards that can be used as presents for your favorites on your gift list, or for yourself! Indulge in manicures, pedicures, facials, and massages and more.

Tate's Bake Shop, North Main Street, Southampton can help you with your personal or corporate gift giving this holiday season? Simply make your gift basket or cookie tower selection, give them a list of recipients and they will take care of the rest for you. Two and four pound cookie platters are now available at the Southampton location. Log onto www.tatesbakeshop.com for info and ordering.

There are holiday specials galore at **The Down Factory Store At The Elegant John**, 74 Montauk Highway, East Hampton. The Down comforter sale is about half the regular price in all sizes, for a limited time only, the Down pillow special is 50% off, and look for the sheet set sale that will complete the package. There is also a large selection of paintings by local artists along with robes, slippers, makeup/shaving mirrors, scented candles, hair and bath towels, scales and bath and skin care products all under one roof.

A Little Of What You Fancy, Newtown Lane, East Hampton is packed to the rafters with tons of holiday gift giving ideas for everyone on your list. For mom: Vera Bradely, for hubby: a Barbour jacket, or how about hand-made moccasins, Pendleton blankets, Geodesis candles, Surefire flashlight, Benchmade knives, Tigo art sets, incense sets, Carthusia perfume, Neuhaus chocolates, Kiehl's, Studio Vertu coasters, just to name a few. They can customize for you also. Get going, everything is flying out the door.

How about some delicious homemade fudge all wrapped up and ready to go for that sweet person who has almost everything on your list? Love the name, **Fat Ass Fudge** has just made its debut just in time for the holidays, is hand-made in East Hampton, by Donna McCue, a resident for over twenty years, known as "The Fudge Lady". Located at 81 Newtown Lane, East Hampton, it is also available at local shops that include **Mary Marvelous**, East Hampton, **Lucy's Whey**, the **Cheese Shop** in Sag Harbor as well as select wineries. For information call 631-324-6540 or log onto the website at: www.fat-assfudge.com

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Shopping Locally for Out of the Ordinary Gifts

Christmas might be less than a week away, but it's not too late to find that perfect present for your friends and loved ones. And what better places to look than some of the many local shops that often offer more unique gift ideas than your typical chain store.

For a refreshing gift idea for men and women, go down to The Essence of Life on Montauk Highway in Southampton, an official distributor of Pink Himalayan Crystal Salt. This salt can be used several different ways – drinking it, in a soothing bath, as a food platter - and has many benefits, says the shop's owner, Bret Evans. It can act as a detox, helping you shed some unwanted pounds; contains the 84 natural elements found in your body, which manmade table salt doesn't have; and helps regulate the water content in your body. For more information on the full range of health benefits, go to the-essence-of-life.com.

For pet lovers, or if you're a pet lover yourself, then for your pet, then check out Little Lucy's Canine Couture Boutique, on Jobs Lane in Southampton. Shop owner Patricia Hurley says one of the more popular gift items she's selling this year is a crystal gift set that comes with an enameled figure, in all different breeds, and a necklace to match, for $64. "Little girls love these," she said. There are also sparkling, crystal dog collars, in all sizes ranging from $50 to $120, as well as a wide variety of shearling sweaters, cashmere coats and parkas for your pooch. And if you're heading somewhere for a holiday dinner or get together, you might want to bring a treat with you if you know there's a dog wherever you're heading. Little Lucy's has gift sets of homemade, Christmas themed cookies in cheese and peanut butter flavors. Other great local shops to pick up gifts for pets and their owners are Harbor Pets in Sag Harbor and One Stop Pet Shop in Amagansett.

Photos by Tiffany Razzano

Hildreth's in Southampton is a great place to pick up gifts for several people on your list in one fell swoop. The store's children's section offers classic toys, such as the Radio Flyer, and a wide range of costumes for kids to play dress-up all year long. In the Home Goods section, some of the more popular items this year are candles, holiday knick knacks and potpourris and kitchenware. And Stonewall Kitchen's and the Barefoot Contessa's food items are flying off the shelves. Other hot holiday items are comfy down robes, Crab Tree and Evelyn lotions and Vera Bradley bags. You'll also be able to pick up some items, such as holiday-themed hand towels, throw pillows and blankets, to make your guest rooms more festive for holiday visitors.

Have an audiophile in your life? Well, forget about hitting up a chain store for the latest releases when you could support the only independent record store in our area, Long Island Sound in Southampton. They have all the newest music – Britney Spears, Kanye West and

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Beyoncéé, as well as critical favorites and classics, such as Bob Dylan's latest volume of the Bootleg Series, Neil Young and David Byrne and Brian Eno's collaborative effort. But, they also sell used CDs and actual records, an archaic mode of listening to music, sure, but not for collectors.

After leaving Long Island Sound, you might want to hit up Crescendo, also in Southampton, that has everything your loved one will need to play the music you just bought them. Hot items this year are the Bowers and Wilkins Zeppelin, an award-winning iPod speaker, for $599.99; Krell KID, a top notch iPod docking station, for $1,500; the Focal Scala Utopia, a three-way, freestanding speaker, at $29,500 for the pair; and Sony's OLED digital TV, described as the future of television, for $2,499.99. They also sell old-fashioned turntables.

Metaphysical Books & Tools in Sag Harbor is another place that sells cool and unique gifts. From incense, salt lamps and candles to cult and underground movies and books, the shop's owner says by far the biggest sellers this year are jazz box sets, particularly Miles Davis and John Coltrane.

If you have to buy a gift for someone who loves the theater? You can purchase gift cards, in any denomination, for Bay Street Theatre in Sag Harbor. They can be used for the Target Mainstage, Kidstreet, Comedy Club or The Picture Show. Go to baystreet.org for more info.

And don't worry if you're on the North Fork and can't make the trip south, there are plenty of options for you close to home. Bay Bliss, in Greenport, is a gallery devoted entirely to the work of local artisans, selling art, jewelry and home accents. Main Road Home in Cutchogue sells everything one might need for the home, from furniture and lighting fixtures to decorative accents and accessories for the home. And Clawflowers in Greenport is more than just a florist. They also sell cards and unusual vases and candles, which would make great gifts.

Another unique idea this season is, if you're not interested in buying material objects for people, you might want to consider using the money you'd spend on gifts to adopt sea turtle, seal or a dolphin through the Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation. For more information, go to riverheadfoundation.org.

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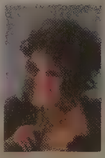

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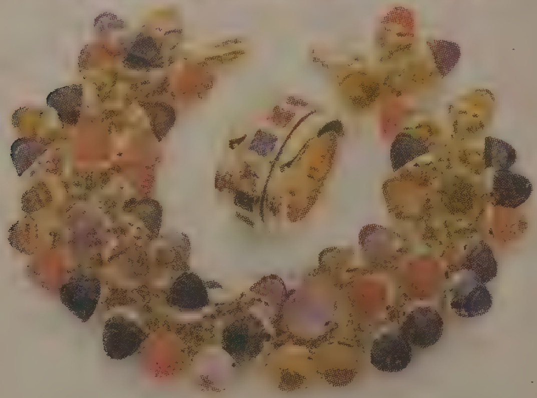

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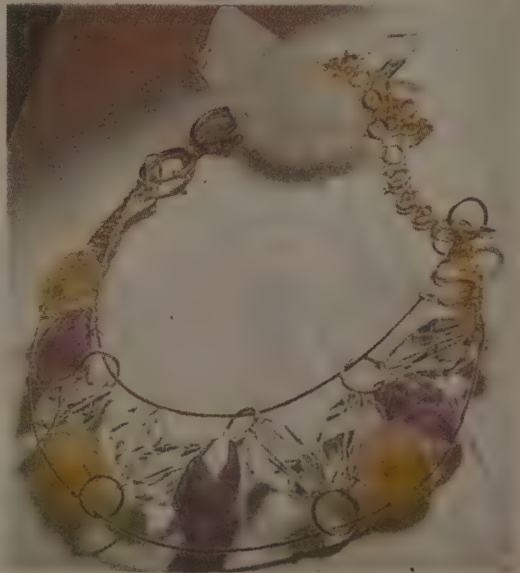

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Frosty Visits the Peconic Bakery

By Debbie Tuma

The Peconic Bakery, near the downtown district of Riverhead, was packed with children waiting in line to get their picture painted with Frosty the Snowman last Saturday afternoon.

For the first time in their nearly two-year anniversary, this 5,000 square-foot bakery, located in a 100 year-old former hardware store, was filled with Frosty the Snowman paintings all over the walls. Throughout the afternoon, about 50 boys and girls waited with their parents to meet the artist, Don Duga of Riverhead, to get their portraits painted in his colorful postcard sketches.

"My wife and I grew up with Frosty, and now our kids are watching him," said Dr. John Byrne of Riverhead, who was standing with his daughters, Emma and Annie. "We also follow Mr. Duga's shows and cartoons."

Ralph and Karen Neubauer, of Westhampton Beach, said their kids Griffin and Miriam watch Frosty "at least once a day, and they are so excited to be here."

Matthias Dodd Phillips, 10, of Riverhead, was sitting next to Duga, playing an instrument called the Strum Stick. As a young artist himself, he created some copper books marks to sell in the bakery.

Duga, a long-time animator, has won numerous awards for his cartoons, and he is perhaps most known for creating the famous Frosty the Snowman character.

"I thought it would be fun to share this with the kids during this Christmas season, and to have a community event here," he said.

Gabrielle Schmidt, 11, of Wading River, also came with her brother and parents. "I thought it would be cool to see my picture with Frosty, and I also love the red velvet cupcakes and the chocolate chip cookies here," she said.

All around the huge, airy Peconic Bakery were displays of holiday cookies, mini cupcakes, and extra special gourmet creations, including Pistachio Wreath Cake, Triple Chocolate Gingerbread Cake, Peppermint Sandwich, Snickerdoodle, and Chocolate Crackle Cookies.

Owner Jennifer Keller, of Peconic, also showed off her amazing little 'Night Before Christmas" cookies in the shape of little mice, ears made out of almond slices. There were also Cherry White Chocolate Cookies, Peanut Butter Kiss Cookies, and cookies shaped like stars, snowflakes and mittens. There were big white cakes with bows that looked like presents, and cakes with intricate, colorful flower petals on their tops. There were assorted strudels, sticky buns, and Bundt cakes.

And for all the kids to enjoy, there were even cakes with Frosty painted on top, courtesy of artist Don Duga, who has teamed up with owner Jennifer Keller to also create a line of fabulous "Frosty" cookies.

"I am happy to involve the whole community in my bakery," said Keller, who also has a caféé on premises for coffee, sandwiches and quiche. "We hope to do more events here for our customers."

S. Galardi

One regular customer, Kendal Kelly of Riverhead, said, "I've indulged myself so much here with all this great bakery, that now I've limited it to the soups and salads, and an occasional lemon meringue pie."

Keller credits her creative staff for their collaborative efforts, in using her old-fashioned recipes in this modern American bakery.

Although she started out as a pediatric nurse in her hometown of Baltimore, and also in Boston, Keller soon switched to her passion of cooking.

"I always loved cooking and baking, so after several years of nursing, I opened my own catering company in Baltimore, called "The Food Company," she recalled. "Eventually I moved to Manhattan, and then out to the North Fork, ten years ago." She had a storefront in Peconic and a kitchen in Cutchogue, before opening up her Riverhead bakery two years ago.

Keller is now starting to bring her creative bakery into Manhattan, for private events and children's parties.

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Review: *Liza's at the Palace* and *White Christmas*

Liza Minnelli is in rare form and performing an audacious miracle at the Palace Theater with her brand new show that runs well over two hours and includes many of her memorable standards, including "Cabaret." The charismatic three time Tony Award-winning superstar "razzle dazzled" the opening night audience with a confident, gritty and often magical display of showmanship.

Many wondered if she would make it through what was seemingly an exhausting evening. But there she was coming down the homestretch, draped in a classic red-sequined Halston, dripping in sweat and now apparently running on pure adrenaline. What does she do? She launches into "My Mammy," following that with "New York, New York." She is the blazing embodiment of pure musical theatricality and she is electrifying. The audience responds with wild pandemonium and you can almost see the waves of love coming across the footlights.

At 62, Minnelli is all grown up now and clearly in the best form she has displayed in years. She has gone through multiple husbands, surgeries, addictions, come-backs and now you could add resurrections to her list of multiples, like the Tonys. If her voice isn't as good as it once was, it doesn't really matter much. She is a true legend and she does what all artists do best. She blends her life and art in such in a way to create magic.

Liza Minnelli

The first act is all Minnelli backed by a 12-piece orchestra with the great Billy Stritch on the piano. The second act has the star supported by four dancers for a very personal tribute to her godmother, the great Kay Thompson, who was vocal coach and arranger for MGM during that studio's musical heyday in the 1940s and 1950s and taught Lena Horne and Judy Garland how to sing. The evening, directed and choreographed by longtime Minnelli collaborator, Ron Lewis, showcases her unique gifts, which, after five decades of performing live around the world, are rare indeed.

Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*, a beautifully gift wrapped holiday entertainment adapted from the 1954 Bing Crosby film, has finally made its way to Broadway after playing several US cities over the past four years. The evening, directed by Walter Bobbie, is light and breezy with some fantastic production numbers. The show adds additional Berlin standards, like "Blue Skies," "I Love a Piano" and "Let Yourself Go," to the already terrific score that includes gems like "White Christmas," "Snow," " Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep," " Sisters" and "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm."

As musicals go, the lavishly produced evening feels a bit creaky, lacking everything Minnelli's show possessed in spades – an inspirational life force. Instead, we get a meticulous staging that recreates the beauty of the Hollywood film. And the gifted performers, who sing and dance perfectly, unfortunately don't breath life into their rather one dimensional characters. The evening's big strength, besides the production values and Berlin's songbook, is Randy Skinner's stirring tap-heavy choreography.

If you are a softie for a Currier and Ives holiday card replete with fantastic songs and artificial snow you're sure to be moved.

For tickets or more information on either show call 212-307-4100.

Theater critics Barry Gordin & Patrick Christiano are members of the Drama Desk. Barry is an internationally renowned photographer. Patrick is the artistic director of SivaRoad Productions. Visit their Web site at theaterlife.com.

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The Mastery of Mascara

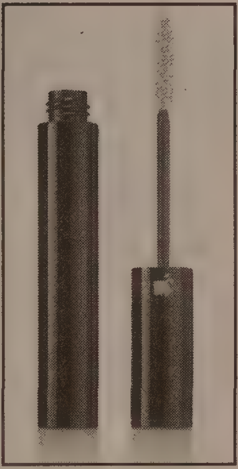
As you party your way through the season, you may be lining your lips, your eyes, finding the right shade of blush or shadow, or even adding some false lashes, or extensions in your hair. But no matter how much, or how little you're considering for a special night out, one thing most everyone will do is to indulge in at least one coat of mascara. But should one coat lead to another? Is there a right way to apply mascara? Here are some tips that are sure to glide you into better, fuller lashes.

Always start with clean lashes, free from any oils. If you are just removing makeup, before reapplying it, be sure to use an oil-free remover. There are plenty on the market and some that will even remove waterproof mascara.

Unless you expect to cry or swim your way into the New Year, steer clear of waterproof mascara. It's indeed waterproof, but not oil-proof. Therefore, you can bet that when your lashes touch your upper or lower lids, where there's oil from your skin, waterproof mascara will leave smudges around your eyes, which will have you looking as if you did cry all the way to the party.

If you really want to separate your lashes and avoid clumping, the best way to do that is to curl them first. By almost every professional standard, the best curler on the market is Shu Uemora. For about $22, it's an investment that goes a long way. Always curl before applying mascara.

Apply mascara to upper lashes using an upward stroke only. Do the underside of the lashes first, then immediately do the topside of the upper lashes. Repeated coats, once the mascara is dry, are sure to leave lashes clumpy. You can ONLY add another coat while the mascara is still wet.



Before mascara dries, use a lash separator. Shu Uemura sells several in different widths. They're like a wand without mascara. Ricky's sells them by the bag. Or try a lash comb. After applying mascara, use the wand or the lash comb starting at the base of the lashes, then pull through to the ends. Wiggle the lash comb or the wand as you are pulling it through to the tips of your lashes. Complete one eye before starting the other.

If you want to make your lashes look thicker, which is always very dramatic in profile, consider using a primer before applying mascara. The purpose of a primer is to condition the lashes and add volume. Some drugstore brands sell mascara and primer all in one tube. It's usually a double-ended wand with the primer on one end and the mascara on the other. The reviews on these are mixed, and though a lot of women say it makes their lashes thicker, the result is often that they make the lashes too stiff. Two lash primers that have consistently rave reviews are Smashbox and one called Blinc. Blinc is a bit hard to find in stores, but can be ordered on their Web site.

Wearing mascara top and bottom is a personal choice. If you are wearing eyeliner and shadow, and you have really taken great care in applying mascara as described above, forgo mascara on the bottom lashes, which can easily look unnatural, and smudge onto the skin underneath your eye.

Finally, you want to pump up your lashes, but you don't need to pump the wand in the tube. Basically, you're just adding a lot of air into the product, which is an opportunity to have bacteria grow faster in the tube. To avoid bacterial contamination from mascara, make sure the top is always close tightly and replace all mascara, at most, every three months.

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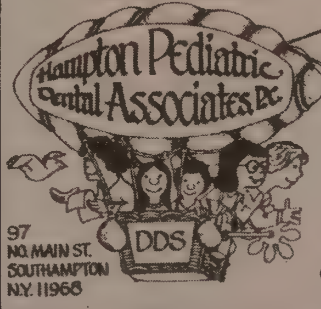

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Autism: Causes, Symptoms, Maybe Even Preventions

By Maria Orlando Pietromonaco

We probably all know at least one child in our circle of family and friends who suffers from autism. I happen to know several children, and it's astonishing to see how widespread this disorder has become. Growing up, I can hardly remember a classmate, cousin, or neighbor afflicted with autism. The numbers today are staggering: one in 150 kids (that number is a bit conservative – some studies are revealing it's more like one in 90) have autism, and boys are four times more likely to be affected by autism than girls.

These facts alone have to make you wonder what the heck is going on. Why the sharp increase in recent years? Though there are no concrete answers, there are a lot of theories and speculations about the causes. They are mind-blowing, and though they might leave you feeling vulnerable as a parent, the knowledge and information might just help protect your family.

Medically speaking, autism is a brain development disorder that, unfortunately, usually lasts a person's lifetime. It's marked by an inability to communicate and relate to others. Though autism can now be diagnosed as early as six months of age, it's most commonly identified by around age three.

Essentially, parents first realize that their child is not reaching some developmental milestones. Some red flags might include:

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"Autism is an epidemic that is accelerating... Autism is a medical illness. The majority of children are not born with it. These children are born 'normal' and somewhere in the first two years of life their biochemistry is damaged and the tipping point can be a vaccine, antibiotics, environmental pollutants or some other insult that causes them to recede into the world of autism," explained Dr. Andrea Libutti, a certified Defeat Autism Now! physician. She should know. Dr. Libutti's son was diagnosed with autism at the age of 20 months, and now she has devoted her medical and personal life to the disorder. Through her practice in Remsenburg, the Spectrum Healing Center, she is dedicated to the treatment, education and prevention of autism.

Though there are many factors that can contribute to the onset of autism, Dr. Libutti is convinced, along with many parents of autistic children, that it was a vaccine that caused her son's autism. She noticed a change in him just one week after receiving it. The majority of her patients think their children fell victim to the effects of a vaccine as well. This is a highly controversial conviction, as it's not a widely accepted belief among the medical community. However, the evidence is building that vaccines could be a trigger.

It isn't just the vaccine alone; it's the "rigorous vaccine schedule" our kids are subjected to at such a young age. They are given multiple vaccines together in a single visit to the doctor, and these vaccines are being given at younger age than they used to.

Other factors believed to play a role in the epidemic of autism include overuse of antibiotics, pesticides in the food we give our children, toxins in our environment and heavy metals, like mercury, found in our water supply. Also, a family's health

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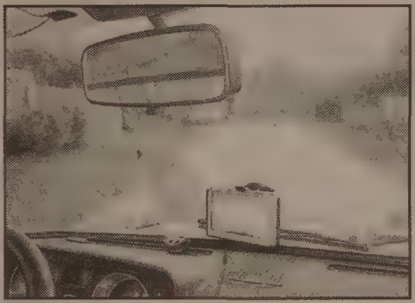
Enjoying Car Smells, a Personal Preference

I hope this article smells, because it's about car smells, both good and bad. An odorless emission found in both homes and cars is carbon monoxide, a gas that can kill you. In 1959, there was a hit movie called *On the Beach*. It was a tense, thought provoking doomsday film about an atomic war that was going to end all life on earth. Rather than die from radiation poisoning, one of the film's stars, Fred Astaire, asphyxiates himself while sitting in his Ferrari race car in his sealed garage. Fast forward to today. Just recently, a poor fellow in Los Angeles tried to commit suicide by doing the same thing in his late model car. He fell asleep in the car and when he woke up, to his dismay he was still alive. It seems the air coming out of the exhaust of his late model, catalytic equipped car was cleaner than the air in Los Angeles.

The point of this tale is that carbon monoxide from car tailpipes rarely kills people anymore, but if your tailpipe or muffler is making strange noises, you should have it checked out immediately because carbon monoxide is odorless and very deadly. Where carbon monoxide has been known to kill is in households during the winter heating season. I know first hand. Years ago, several friends and I rented a ski house in Vermont for the winter season. During the Christmas vacation, most of them went there for the week before Christmas. I was to join them right before the holiday. During the week, I was telephoned and told that all of them, except one, had been taken to the hospital, all sick with unknown causes. When I arrived that Friday evening, I found the one remaining friend in her room unconscious. Soon I felt dizzy and the last thing I remember was calling 911 and then passing out on the floor. I woke up in the ambulance on the way to the hospital. If I hadn't made that last frantic phone call, both myself and the remaining house occupant would probably be dead. The house was finally checked by the police and gas company for carbon monoxide and sure enough it proved to be a death trap. It seems a snowstorm had blocked the exhaust pipe of the home heating system. Check your oil fired home heating system this season. Please.



Now, for more pleasant car smells, like the smell of a leather interior. Both of my cars have a leather interior, but I've noticed as they age the leather smell seems to have gotten weaker. I've searched for an air purifier with a leather smell to retro-smell up the interior, but it seems nonexistent. It seems every car interior purifier I find has a perfume name like "golden flowers." I don't want the interior of my car to smell like the botanical gardens. I know the leather smell usually comes from the tanning process, but if anyone out there knows how to rejuvenate the leather aroma in my cars, please e-mail me.

Another car scent I like and find very nostalgic is that of the original interiors of older American cars. It's hard to pinpoint what the odor actually is, but I believe it emanates from the interior fabrics. In the '30s and '40s collector cars, it was the mohair fabric used on the seats and door panels. These old cars have the comfortable smell of the ages, a smell with which Humphrey Bogart or Indiana Jones would be familiar. In the '50s and '60s model cars, there's always a feeling of plastic and chrome. Does chrome smell? I doubt it, but not before or since the '50s have cars used so much chrome on the inside and outside of their designs. Chrome certainly is a visually noisy material. It reflects, glares and shouts for attention. Maybe it fools your senses into actually believing it smells.

Perhaps one of the most memorable movie lines ever was the one shouted by Robert Duvall in the brilliant film *Apocalypse Now*, is "I love the smell of Napalm in the morning." Well, you may think I'm crazy, hopefully not as wacky as Duvall, but I actually like the smell of gasoline. Maybe the smell of gas reminds me of older cars, when they all smelled of gas when they were running. Racing cars emit the most memorable sounds and smells. I will always remember standing next to a big block Chevrolet powered Lola Can Am car at Bridgehampton racetrack in its heyday. To start that dreadnought racer, they actually had to pour gasoline from a large cup down the eight vertical intake megaphones. When the car finally started, it scared everyone as the ground shook and raw gas spewed from the exhaust accompanied by spitting gas flames from the intakes. It was the space shuttle on wheels.

Most cars today smell like plastic. The really expensive ones have the scent of leather...and money. Some have that that new car smell. Unfortunately, you gotta pay for that new car smell and it seems to be getting more expensive every day.

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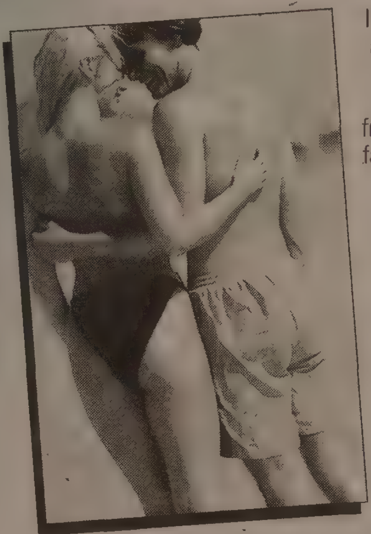

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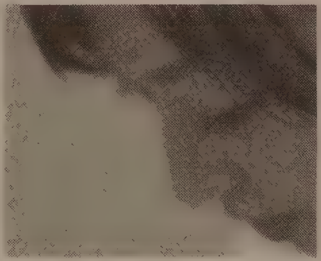

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TAKE A HIKE By Ken Kindler

The Trail Linking Southampton and East Hampton

This five-mile hike takes you from The Long Pond Greenbelt in Southampton to the Northwest Woods in East Hampton. Take this hike with a buddy and leave one car at the end of the hike (1.5 miles north of Stephen Hands Path there's a new parking area and kiosk on the east side of Route 114) so you don't have to walk the five miles back. To get back to the starting point of the hike, drive north on Route 114 past the Sag Harbor Golf Course at Barcelona Neck, Linda Grondland Preserve. After 2.4 miles, turn left onto Clinton Street, by Sag Harbor Elementary School, to Jermain Ave. A quick right, then left keeps you on Jermain Avenue. Continue past several streets to turn right onto Madison. A quick left puts you back onto Jermain Ave. Continue about another half mile on Jermain Ave to the traffic light, at the intersection with Bridgehampton Sag Harbor Turnpike (Main Street). Turn left, and pass the Mashashimuet Park entrance. Look to the left side of the road; pass the fenced-in tennis courts. Park in the unpaved parking area along side the road; hedges separate it from a playground.

Walk south (across the opening for a private driveway) to a kiosk displaying a map of the Long Pond Greenbelt. Follow the Sag Harbor railroad spur, an unpaved road, past a "No Motorized Vehicles" sign and a Southampton Town Trail sign. Pass a baseball diamond and the restrooms (closed for the season) to your left. You will then be walking on a raised railroad bed. A few yards after crossing over the unmarked Round Pond Trail, look for white rectangular blazes where the Paumanok Path (PP) cuts diagonally across the RR spur, onto Sprig Tree Path. This trail runs parallel to the old railroad bed between Long Pond to the left and Little Long Pond to its right. Pass a bench by Long Pond and walk along its western shore. Approach Little Long Pond to your right. At a "Y" intersection bear right, and cross over the R.R. spur two times in close succession, then turn left onto the Long Island Power Authority Right-Of-Way (LIPA ROW). After a short distance, the trail bears left into the woods, taking you parallel to the ROW, on a boat ramp access road. Where this trustee road opens onto Widow Gavitts Road (after returning to the LIPA ROW), turn left.

At the end of Widow Gavitts Road, turn right onto the fast-moving Sagg Road. After a short distance, look at the left side of the road for a post with a white blaze marking the opening to the trail. The Paumanok Path enters the woods though a narrow corridor. After walking about one mile on a pleasant section of trail, a left turn skirts the ROW and takes you back into the woods. Soon a right turn takes you back towards the ROW. Instead of following the trail across the ROW, turn left staying on it for about a quarter of a mile. Look for a (not very sturdy) turn blaze, where a trail cuts across the ROW; the PP turns left into the woods here. A small arc of trail takes you from the ROW to cross over unpaved Town Line Road. A short distance after returning to the woods, the blue-blazed switchback trail diverges to the right. From where the trail splits, bear left, following blue-painted rectangular blazes along with the white rectangular blazes of the PP. The turn blazes in East Hampton are inverted L's. The blazing for the rest of this hike is very easy to follow, thanks to the East Hampton Trails Preservation Society (EHTPS).

At a complex crossroad, bear right onto the freshly blazed, yellow Miller's Ground Loop. Now you will see both yellow and white rectangular blazes marking the trail. EHTPS is installing check dams and waterbars to address the unfortunate damage to the trail from illegal ATV use. Clumps of laurel and moss growing several feet up the oak trunks punctuate the austere winter woods. A right turn takes you off the loop; now we are following only the white rectangular blazes of the Paumanok Path. Cross over Wainscott Northwest Road. There are a lot of pitch pines and oak trees here, and the trail passes a large glacial erratic. After about one mile, the lovely quiet is intruded upon by road noise.

As you approach Route 114, you can see where your buddy's car is waiting in the parking area on the other side of the road. You have arrived at the southern terminus of the 6.5-mile long Northwest Path.

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Err, A parent By Susan Galardi

Working the Santa Angle

My partner and I almost missed the boat this holiday season. Fortunately, we were reminded of a tried and true, time-honored holiday tradition just 10 days before Christmas: Using Santa as a threat.

I don't know how we forgot. Certainly we were both brainwashed as children to believe that "If you're not a good girl, you won't get anything on your list … Santa's watching … *You're* going to get coal in your stocking."

Parents have been using "Santa as Big Brother" for years. After all, he sees you when you're sleeping. Aside from the creepiness factor of this concept, there is something very attractive about it. Somehow, it works. Just mention to a child who isn't listening, "Uh oh, I hope Santa isn't watching right now," and the offensive behavior will come to an end.

I've gone a step further with our son, explaining that Santa treats the Christmas list like an editor deals with a long story: Cut it from the bottom up. I've threatened our son by telling him that, when he disobeys, Santa exes off a present from the bottom of his list, and works his way up. Santa doesn't have time to go through every item and make a value judgment on what should stay and what could go. This is deadline, slash and burn editing, inverted pyramid style.

Apologies will get things back on the list. Declarations like "I was going to leave my cup on the table but I put it in the sink," or, my favorite recently, "I was going to hit you on the butt but I controlled myself," earns points too. Santa must have an easily erasable blue pencil.

The problem is, since we are relying heavily on the Santa angle for discipline, what do we do when Christmas is over? I'm growing as weary of time-outs as our son is. And threats of "If you don't do X then you won't get to do Y" are getting old for all of us.

S. Galardi Photos

In a parenting book, I learned a strategy that I've experienced as very effective, when I remember it. It's similar to a technique I learned in therapy when I lived in the city and everyone went to therapy. It goes like this: Your child doesn't want to leave a playground where he and his friends are having a ball. You validate that feeling: "I know you're having a good time and you really want to stay here with your friends." If he's within earshot, this will get his attention. Next is to identify with him. "I don't blame you. If I were playing here with all my friends I'd want to stay, too." I've found that this almost startles children into complacency. They just cannot believe you're looking at and taking their side. It's like stunning a lobster by putting it on ice before you steam it. At that point, the child is much more open to hearing, "But we really have to go. I'll tell you what. Why don't you play for another five minutes now, and we'll find out when we can meet everyone here again."

I'm telling you. This works.

The problem is remembering to use it. Obviously, since I learned it in therapy, it isn't something that was second nature to me. But when I go this route, it usually results in a very nice exchange with my son. When I employ it successfully, rather than threatening or guilt-tripping, it feels really good. I can only hope Santa is watching.

Autism

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background may hold a clue. "In my years of practice, I have discovered some commonalities in the family histories of these children that are 'red flags' that a child may be at increased risk for the disorder," said Dr. Libutti. A dysfunctional immune system in a parent (such as allergies, asthma, lupus, MS and rheumatioid arthritis) could increase the child's risk for a neurodevelopmental disorder like autism.

Some methods of prevention include giving our children organic foods that are free of pesticides as well as additives and preservatives, keeping as "green" a household as possible, spreading out your child's vaccination schedule and even waiting until they are a little older (you would need to discuss this with your pediatrician), and avoiding unnecessary use of antibiotics.

If you suspect any abnormal behavior or deficiency of skill development in your child, early intervention is crucial. There are many treatment strategies that work well in helping your child progress and even reverse some of the effects. Along with speech, behavior and sensory therapy, there are also biomedical treatments. Some resources for parents include the Cody Center (associated with Stony Brook University), the Spectrum Healing Center, and Web sites such as generationrescue.org and talkaboutcuringautism.org.

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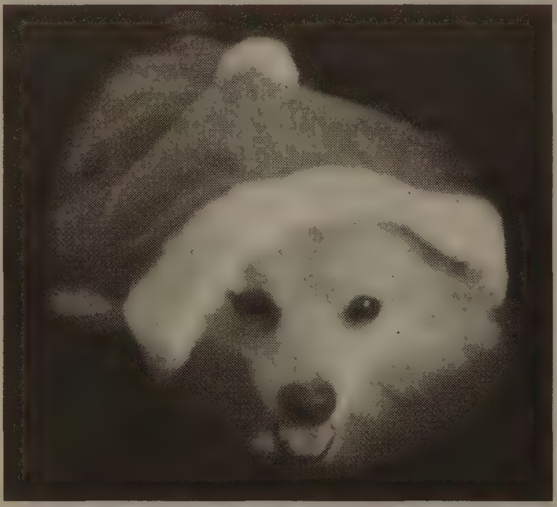

Happy Holidays from Jenna's rescue, above, and Kelly's baby, Sasha.

In the spirit of giving for the holiday season, I want to share something with you. As a person well immersed and established in the "dog community," it thrills me that so many of you are familiar with my wonderful Murphdogs® and Kahuna Poodles. But, my canine family goes even further than that. I also have a group of special needs dogs. These are animals that were slated to be euthanized or not survive past a few weeks of life, due to physical, as well as emotional, challenges, neglect and a plethora of other, unfortunate circumstances. These precious ones count on me the most to go the extra mile and provide only the best duty of care possible.

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I also want to give recognition to some of the celebrities and people in the spotlight that have helped to raise awareness, make a difference and contribute to the wellbeing of our extended canine and feline families, especially the ones who still hope to become part of someone's loving home.

Allow me to tell you about one of my special dogs who suffered from itching, rashes, thinning of hair and low body weight. If that wasn't bad enough, he actually ate the hair off other dogs while they were sleeping! How strange is that? I then discovered that the only time I could quell this peculiar behavioral pattern was during the pet food recall, when I began to cook for him myself. Now, in a world given to time sparing, fortunately, for both of us, pet food regulations are more stringent and I have learned a lot about what goes into dog food, his hair eating days are a thing of the past. Best of all, his overall good health continues. I look for foods that have 100% USA ingredients. The first ingredient must be chicken, salmon or whatever meat protein you choose. I buy only food that hasplenty of vegetables and fruit, and no corn, wheat, gluten, by-products, rendered meats, fillers, antibiotics, steroids; chemical additives, preservatives, colors or dyes. Don't hesitate to call the manufacturer if you're in doubt.

But this is only one of many special dogs I have the pleasure of caring for; and his particular case is not nearly as severe or challenging as the others. I know there are so many people who have stories to tell, yet nowhere to find help, suggestions, or similar stories that can give relief where there seems to be none.

The spirit of giving must continue throughout the year and every year thereafter. With this in mind, Harley's Angels Inc. and Murphdog® & Company are in the process of constructing an interactive website to help families with "special needs" dogs. There, we will publish valuable information. It will be a self-help, network group where we welcome advice, warnings, time saving tips, as well as, happy and not so happy experiences.

To all of you and yours, canine, feline and human persuasion alike, I wish you a joy filled season, warm cozy, happy feelings, continued good health and prosperity for the New Year.

Kid's Calendar

THIS WEEK

BIDEAWEE ART COMPETITION – Bideawee, one of the nation's oldest humane organizations, invites children grades K-12 to demonstrate their love for animals through the power of art at its Love Your Pet Art Expo. Please drop off or mail your artwork at Bideawee's Westhampton Adoption Center at 118 Old Country Road between 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM, seven days a week no later than January 31, 2009. For more information, visit our website . 631-325-0200 ext 118.

ART AT THE GOLDEN EAGLE – 12/20 – "Paul Klee" workshop with artist Karyn Mannix, Golden Eagle 14 Gingerbread La East Hampton 631-324-0603. 10 a.m.-11 a.m. $20.

CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOP – 12/20 – Children's Art Workshop (5+ Years) at Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. 631-324-0806. $5/$3 members. Refreshments served. 631-324-0806.

Free Double Feature: Forgotten Toys And Second Star To The Left Two Children's Films (5-10 Years) At Guild Hall, 158 Main Street, East Hampton. 11:15 a.m. 631-324-0806.

THE BIRDS FAMILY NATURE ART PROGRAM – 12/20 – South Fork Natural History Museum, Bridgehampton. 10 a.m. Workshop Leaders: SoFo Staff - Feeding wild birds in winter is especially important in our area where development has removed a good deal of natural food resources for our local birds, and the holiday season is a great time to think about our avian neighbors. 631-537-9735.

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KIDS KARAOKE – Every Sat. and Sun., 5-7 p.m. Regulars Music Caféé, 1271 North Sea Rd., Southampton. 631-287-2900.

DRIBBL – Basketball programs for kids. Dribbl at the Beach for boys and girls grades K-5 every Sun., 9-10:20 a.m., at the Southampton Town Recreation Center. Sysinc.org.

AFTER SCHOOL ART – At The Parrish Art Museum, Southampton. 631-283-2118, ext. 40 or visit parrishart.org.

MOMMY AND ME – Every Mon. from 10:45 a.m. -11:45 a.m. for pre-school children and their parents/caregivers. At the Montauk Library, Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-324-4947.

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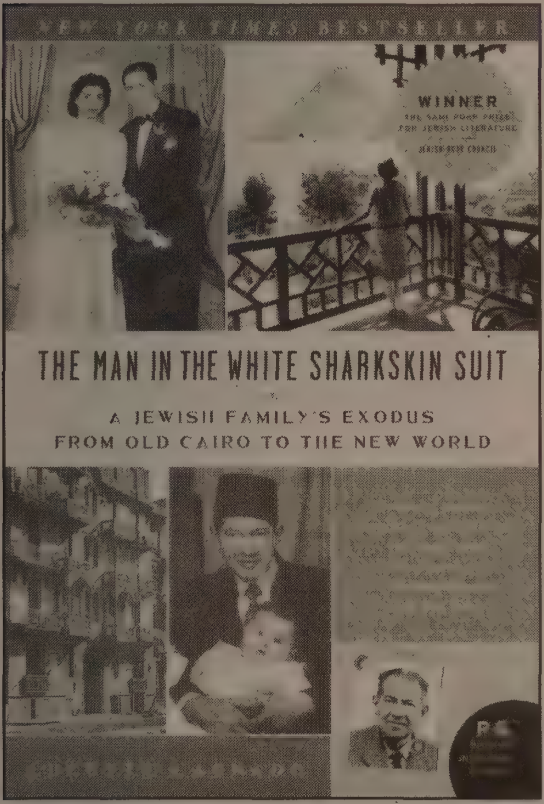
Arts & Entertainment

Local Author Embraces Multiculturalism

By Tiffany Razzano

In today's turbulent times – seven years after 9/11, several years into the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and just a month after the terrorist attacks in Mumbai, India – Romany Kramoris Gallery in Sag Harbor will be celebrating multicultural harmony this holiday season, with a reading and presentation by Sag Harbor author Lucette Lagnado on December 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Lagnado, an acclaimed investigative reporter for the *Wall Street Journal* who has written about various healthcare industry issues, particularly those affecting the elderly, poor and uninsured, branched out with her 2007 book, *The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit: My Family's Exodus from Old Cairo to the New World*, which came out in paperback this past summer. The book tells the story of her father, Leon, through the voice of her childhood self, LouLou.


NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER
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THE MAN IN THE WHITE SHARKSKIN SUIT
A JEWISH FAMILY'S EXODUS
FROM OLD CAIRO TO THE NEW WORLD

"I knew that I could have covered the healthcare industry," she said, "but I didn't want to do anything about that. I wanted to write the story of my father."

Born in Egypt, Lagnado begins the book at a harmonious time in Cairo's history, during the 1930s, '40s and early '50s, when her Jewish parents lived harmoniously among Muslims and westerners. This theme of multicultural harmony especially resonates today, given the current state of the world.

"But it's also what I see as a fall from grace," she said, as the story recounts how her father, a once prominent businessman in Egypt lost everything he had after the fall of King Farouk. He and his family became refugees, first being sent to Paris for a brief period and eventually settling in New York City. When they left home, they weren't allowed to bring much money, but were permitted to bring as many clothes as they wanted. "So we had only $200 and 26 suitcases of clothes."

After finding paperwork detailing how her father painstakingly paid back the $1,200 debt – in $5 and $10 increments over many years – he owed the Queen Mary for taking his family to the United States, Lagnado was inspired to tell his story. "It's the anti-American dream," she said, saying that people think "immigrants come here and struggle, then they do well and prosper. This is about a man who didn't prosper. It's about a descent, a fall – from Cairo to Paris to New York."

Lagnado was just a young girl, seven years old, when she arrived in New York. "It's about being lost in exile through the eyes of a child, and, as much as possible, in the voice of a child," she said. "It's about transition in the terms a little girl would use. She's in anguish over the loss of her cat. She misses her school, the life of the street, the vendors. But she doesn't feel less than the adults. In fact, she feels more. She just can't articulate it."

The upcoming event at the Romany Kramoris won't be a simple reading, Lagnado says. She'll talk about what's been going on in the world over the past year-and-a-half, since *Sharkskin Suit* was first released in hardcover. There will be Egyptian music, Mediterranean food and belly dancers, creating more of a fun, joyous event than a dry reading. "I see it as a literary soiree," she said, "and a very multicultural event on the eve of Hanukkah and Christmas, at this terribly depressing time."

Sharkskin Suit came about after she published a father's day essay, "Taste: A Matter of Life and Debt," in the WSJ, in "a section I never write for – the back of the book, the cultural pages." The essay garnered a lot of attention from people including a literary agent from HarperCollins. And once *Sharkskin Suit* came out, it received international acclaim, and was even honored with one of the most prestigious awards in the Jewish literary community (if not the global literary community): the 2008 Sami Rohr Prize for Jewish Literature, which comes with a $100,000 prize.

And Lagnado found that she enjoyed writing such a personal story more so than investigative reporting, though she did employ the skills of being a reporter for her book, as she tracked down documents, friends and family in order to get the details she needed to tell her father's tale. She enjoyed it so much that she's been given a contract, at a time when there's been a freeze in the publishing industry, to write a companion book, *The Arrogant Years*, which she describes as "a young girl's quest for her lost youth."

Lagnado will speak at the Romany Kramoris Gallery, Main Street, Sag Harbor, on Dec. 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information: 631-725-2499.

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The Art Scene Near and Far by Marion Wolberg Weiss

Authentic Art in Albuquerque, New Mexico

By Marion Wolberg Weiss

Last week's "Art Scene" featured New York environs where public art by East Enders abounds. An abrupt change of scenery finds me in Albuquerque and its surrounding area, where public art includes an odd assortment, all of which is subjectively selected: diverse architecture, geographic features and man-made artifacts. It's important to note that the following observations do not include any visits to public galleries or museums. After all, this is a vacation from the ordinary.

We can't help but start with architecture that is, the 1950s, Route 66 kind rather than the traditional Native American and Spanish type. Anyone who has seen the award-winning *No County for Old Men* will know we mean the motel where Josh Brolin got killed. It looks exactly like it was depicted in the film. While the building will never quite become an icon like the Bates Motel in Hitchcock's *Psycho*, it's important because this death trap is real and not a movie set.

Of course, the adobe houses that predominate the area are based on authentic Native American designs. Some are more elaborate than others, and some are rather simple, like those existing in the "projects," housing for the less fortunate, as the saying goes. Yet such communities seem welcoming with their indigenous exterior decorations and gardens.

Albuquerque's Old Town is a tourist mecca, but charming, nonetheless, as far as architecture goes. Developed in 1706, the area evokes a traditional Spanish pattern, including a central plaza and church (San Felipe de Neri) surrounded by homes and shops. Architectural features from long ago are apparent; so are winding brick paths and hidden patios.

The Sandia Mountains, named for the watermelon red that characterizes the terrain at dusk, is the dominant geographic feature. Its beauty is one we can't deny or ignore, as we begin to envision it as a natural, all-encompassing art installation of sorts. A distant mesa, seen from homes in the nearby hills, also appears to be an art object, especially at sunset, which goes to prove, once again, that nature is the most magnificent creator of all art.

Photo by M.W. Weiss

Folk Art

Even so, man-made objects positioned in the surrounding mountains can also be perceived as public art installations. Then again, some observers may see these objects as trash that is ruining the environment. A casual ride through the area reveals a stunning composition of old car tires dumped on the ground. Is it art? A lot of people would say no, but we've seen similar conceptual works in New York galleries.

More controversial, however, are the shacks where societal outsiders live, derelict cars and trucks scattered around the property, along with old stoves (one was from the 1940 and quite valuable) and other junk or collectables, depending on how you look at it.

How could anyone describe these places as public art? It's easy if you have an open mind and eye for design. (Speaking of dilapidated settings, we passed an old hippie commune where, supposedly, people like Dennis Hopper once hung out.)

We can't help but go inside for a visit to a friend whose collection of Native American folk art is not only authentic but arresting as well. And although his objects are not public art, they are just as historically insightful. We realize that such artifacts are available at museums, but seeing them firsthand in someone's home is a treat.

First there is the Kachina doll, which I had only seen as subjects of paintings and drawings. The bows, arrows and ceramic bowls are outstanding, too.

Most unusual, however, are the stuffed turkeys that my friend has in his residence, birds he had hunted himself as part of the Sierra Club. Not only did they look like beautiful sculptures, but they even recalled the wild turkeys we have in the Hamptons. Almost, but not quite.

Cover Artist

This weeks cover by Michael Paraskevas marks 20 years of work by the artist in Dan's Papers. Paraskevas has contributed about 40 covers to the publication.

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back beat By Tiffany Razzano

Little Feat: WHBPAC's First Act of 2009, on Jan. 3

At a time of year when musical events are few and far between on the East End, music aficionados will be glad to know that right after New Year's, on Jan. 3, the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center will be hosting Little Feat.

The group – a southern California based rock band with blues, roots and jam elements – was originally formed in 1969 by singer/songwriter/guitarist Lowell George, who had originally been in Frank Zappa's Mothers of Invention. But Little Feat disbanded in 1979, after George's death. The group got back together in 1987, releasing a new album a year later. Craig Fuller of the Pure Prairie League stepped in to take over lead vocals.

Now, the band is going on 20 consecutive years of writing and recording music and touring, though it's now on its third incarnation. In 1993, Fuller left the group and Shaun Murphy, who had sung on all of Little Feat's recent albums anyway, replaced him. She had also toured as part of Bob Seger's band, along with Little Feat members Fred Tackett and Bill Payne.

In August, Little Feat released *Join the Band*, an album where some of the music industry's best known talents pay tribute to the band. But it's more of a collaborative effort than a typical tribute album. Artists such as Emmylou Harris, Randy Newman, Linda Ronstadt and The Black Crowes joined the band in the recording studio in order to record their interpretation of one of the band's songs.

Always a fan and friend of Little Feat, having performed with several of its members before, Jimmy Buffet actually came up with the concept of the album years ago and it somehow came together now. The group trekked down to Buffet's recording studio in Key West to lay down the tracks and the project "took on a life of its own," Murphy said. Buffet also played a key role in bringing in the guest musicians. "He was a huge asset in that regard."

The group, working directly with these musicians in the studio, got to see the creative process of how the different interpretations of Little Feat songs came about. "It's always interesting to see what people come up with," Murphy said. Brooks and Dunn took on "Willin'," giving it a goth country feel. Bob Seger came in for "Something in the Water." "He added a little spice to it." But the performer who most surprised Murphy was Dave Matthews. "I've never heard him sing quite like that. He did an excellent, excellent job."

Now, the group is getting ready to hit the road for several weeks after New Year's, followed by their now annual four-day extravaganza at the Grand Lido Resort in Jamaica at the end of January. For the past six years, the band has taken over the hotel for a long weekend, selling it out to their fans and performing all weekend.

Little Feat will be performing at the WHBPAC on Jan. 3 at 8 p.m. For more information, call 631-288-1500 or go to littlefeat.net.

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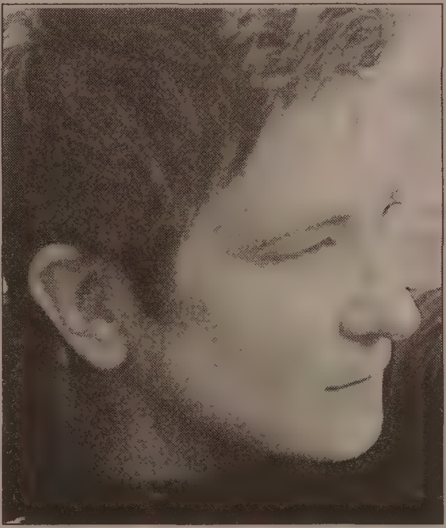

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EILEEN HICKEY – 12/21 – Artist Eileen Hickey-Hulme will be sitting in from 2-5 p.m. this Sunday at the Crazy Monkey Gallery, 136 Main St, Amagansett, to celebrate its Holiday Group Show. The Holiday Group Show features works by Eileen "Bang Bang" and fellow members through December 28. For more information, contact the gallery at 631-267-3627.

RVS FINE ART OPENING RECEPTION – 12/27 – 2 to 4 p.m., 20 Jobs Lane, Southampton. Timothy Roepe, a docent for the Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center. 631-283-8546.

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THE FITZGERALD GALLERY- The paintings of Janine Stern at the Fitzgerald Gallery, 48 B Main Street, Westhampton Beach 631-288-6419.

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Simple Art of Cooking Silvia Lehrer

High Class Comfort Food for Cozy Dinners, Big Feasts

Home for the holidays has a familiar lyrical ring and it's where I most love to be.

Home is the East End, where the smells, sights and sounds of the holidays pervade the clean, clear, fresh air we breath. Or home is anywhere you want it to be, with family and friends you most want to share the holidays with. Though some of us may or may not be planning an elaborate feast, whether its economic doldrums or simply the practical way one entertains, most of us will want to celebrate the season with good food and good cheer. Some of my favorite entrees are long, slow braised dishes that won't break the bank yet will please the most discerning palates. They include: beef carbonnade, Provencal chicken with garlic or a seafood stew.

As the quote reads in MFK Fisher's *Serve it Forth*, "When shall we live, if not now?"

BEEF CARBONNADE

Recipe, adapted from Light Cooking magazine,
is hearty and yes light!
Serves 6-8

2 slices bacon, finely diced
3-3 1/2 pounds boneless chuck, cut into 11/4-inch cubes
Coarse (kosher) salt and freshly ground pepper
2-3 garlic cloves, finely chopped
4 medium-large onions, thinly sliced
4 tablespoons all purpose flour
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves
1 12-ounce can beef broth
1 12-ounce can light beer
1 bay leaf
1 12-ounce package cooked egg noodles

1. Sauté diced bacon in a large Dutch oven over medium-high heat until crisp. Remove bacon with slotted spoon, reserving drippings in pan. Set bacon aside. Add beef, salt and pepper to taste to pan drippings; sauté about five minutes, turning cubes as they brown. Stir in garlic and cook for 30 seconds or so. Remove beef from pan with slotted spoon; set aside.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

2. Put onions in pan, cover and cook for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. When onions are tender, add flour and stir for two minutes. Add vinegar and the next five ingredients, and bring to edge of boil. Return bacon and beef to pan. Cover and bake in preheated oven for two to two-and-a-half hours or until beef is tender. Discard bay leaf. Can be done ahead, reheated and serve over noodles.

CHICKEN PROVENCAL

There are several recipes for this Provencal classic.
This is my simplified home cooked adaptation.
Serves 6

1 chicken, 3 1/2–4 pounds, cut into eights
Coarse (kosher) salt and freshly ground pepper
Flour for dusting
2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
1 tablespoon canola or vegetable oil
2 medium onions, finely chopped
2 large celery ribs, trimmed, washed and diced
4-5 flat-leaf parsley sprigs
4-5 fresh thyme sprigs
4 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
1 – 1/2 cups chicken stock or low-sodium chicken broth
Peeled cloves of one whole head of garlic
Toasted thin slices of French baguette for garnish

1. Rinse and dry chicken parts well, then season with salt and pepper and dust with flour to coat. Heat the combined oils in a large skillet with a cover. Put in three to four pieces at a time, starting with the dark meat, and sauté for about three to four minutes on each side until golden brown. Don't crowd the pan. Transfer chicken pieces as they are done to a colander and drain excess oil. Sauté remaining chicken pieces until golden brown and drain as above.

2. Pour excess oil from skillet leaving about two tablespoons. Put in onion and celery and sauté for six to eight minutes, stirring occasionally until onion is tender. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Arrange chicken pieces over onions and sprinkle parsley and thyme sprigs over the chicken. Pour the lemon juice and chicken stock over the chicken and bring to a brisk simmer. Bury cloves of garlic in and around chicken parts. Sprinkle with salt and pepper and simmer with cover ajar for 20 minutes for the white meat and five minutes longer for the dark meat. Serve warm with juices poured over it and baguette slices spread with softened cloves of garlic.

SEAFOOD STEW WITH PASTA

This simple fish stew is made with marinara
sauce, store bought or your own.
Serves 6-8

2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
Coarse (kosher) salt to taste
1/8 teaspoon crushed red pepper
1 1/2 teaspoons fresh oregano or 1/2 teaspoon dried
1/2 cup dry white wine
1 1/2 cups marinara sauce
1-2 tablespoons julienne of basil
1 tablespoon capers
1 1/2 pounds linguine
6-8 large scallops, side muscle removed
6-8 large shrimp, shelled and de-veined
1 1/4 cups diced fresh clams
1/2 pound firm-flesh fish, halibut or cid filets, cut into chunks
1 extra-virgin olive oil
2-3 tablespoons finely chopped flat-leaf Italian parsley

1. In a large skillet, heat olive oil, add garlic and sauté, stirring frequently for 40-50 seconds. Add salt, red pepper and oregano. Stir in wine, bring to a boil, and then add marinara sauce and basil. Simmer over low heat for four to five minutes. Add capers and stir to mix.

2. Meanwhile, cook the linguine according to package directions or until al dente. Before draining, add 1/4 cup pasta water to the sauce.

3. Add shrimp, clams and cut up fish to the sauce three minutes before the pasta is done and cook until shrimp is pink and firm. Drain pasta and transfer to a large warm bowl or platter. Ladle sauce over pasta and toss to mix. Serve in warm pasta bowls, dividing fish and shellfish equally. Drizzle each serving with olive oil and parsley.

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Dining and Nightlife

Ahhh, the Return of the Dinner Party

By Silvia Lehrer

Jmes Lowney

A well set table (this one by Christina Verger) is welcoming

The winter holidays shout party time. It's a time to gather friends and family for cocktails with light 'savories' or a cocktail buffet, which are often large affairs. You pretty much know the rules, mingle, mingle, mingle, have a drink and a nibble and chat with whoever you happen to be next to. I love it. It's festive and fun, yet I often wonder, whatever happened to the six to eight-person dinner party? You know, the kind where it may take a bit of effort over a couple of days to prepare some of your favorite dishes to share with close friends – friends who may or may not know each other, but who you know will be compatible – which is the central idea. There will be time to talk and time to simply enjoy leisurely conversation around the dining table.

The table should be set with a holiday theme and the elegance of your service. Tall candlesticks add drama and color or float individual votive candles around a treasured centerpiece, a beautiful tureen or simply a pedestal bowl, retrieved from your cupboard, piled high with a panoply of fresh seasonal fruits garnished with greenery. It's your individual touches to the table that make a setting that will be warm, comfortable and receptive.

Then there is the food – food that should echo the season. Hearty short ribs, lamb or veal shanks – those long cooked braised comfort foods that are best made up to a day ahead – are a boon to the hosts. Think earthy ingredients at this time of the year, such as a variety of root vegetables that caramelize when slowly roasted to capture their sweetness. Stews of beef or chicken can be elegant, a boeuf bourguignon served with homemade croutons or chicken fricassee and mushrooms with rice pilaf. Do-ahead salads incorporating lively greens, an intensely flavorful cheese and perhaps candied nuts is a satisfying way to begin. Poached fruits are always best when done ahead and are a sweet light note to end a meal. The timing is certainly right for dishes that not only look and taste rich but can also be luxury for less.

These are merely suggestions; it's up to you to approach your menu with the food you would most like to eat and recipes that you can easily prepare. If you look over the recipes carefully you'll find that much can be done ahead of time and refrigerated, sometimes even frozen then defrosted overnight in the refrigerator. Be practical with your cooking decisions. Before you get carried away about preparing a particular dish, think about your equipment in terms of saucepans, skillets and the casserole and/or platters to serve the food in where necessary. Remember to select and place your serving utensils, glass and bar ware, cocktail napkins and wine bottle opener before your guests arrive. You don't want to start dragging these items out of a cabinet or drawer at the last moment. I've been guilty of this.

Whether you're planning a sit down dinner or cocktail buffet, many of the above rules apply to either setting. And when all is said and done, plan a little extra food to send over to the local food bank or homeless shelter. It just may be the best holiday gift you can give.

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Chef Eric Rickmers of **Jamesport Manor Inn** will serve a four-course $60 prix fixe menu beginning at 5:30 p.m. on December 31. Menu includes: Nicoises olive crostini and salt cad brandade, salted cured foie gras, jumbo lump crab cake, porcini gnocchi with oxtail ragu, lobster risotto, herb basted monkfish, sliced beef tenderloin, Zucchini lentil pie, Madagascar vanilla crééme brule and drunken cherry and pistachio bread pudding. Daily lunch and Sunday three-course brunch continues daily. Dinner prix fixe is offered Sunday through Thursday. Customized catering packages and private dining rooms will accommodate groups of 10 to 60 guests. For reservations or more information, call 631-722-0500.

Almond will celebrate New Year's Eve beginning at 7 p.m. It will offer the regular menu with holiday specials and a midnight champagne toast. Items include: Peconic Bay scallops, sweet pea ravioli, and carrot ginger coulis for $17; foie gras, pecan corn pancake, poached pear with raspberry sauce for $18; pan seared Muscovy duck, wild rice, caramelized Brussel sprout petals in mango sauce for $36; and butter poached lobster, Mascarpone risotto, plum tomatoes, saffron beurre blanc for $42. Almond will be closed on New Year's Day. For reservations, call 631-537-8885. Sister restaurant **Almoncello** will be closed Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24 and Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25 but will be open Friday, December 26 through New Year's Eve, beginning at 6 p.m. Call 631-329-6700 for details.

Stonewalls Restaurant will offer a three-course $45 prix fixe menu to close 2008 on New Year's Eve from 5 to 9 p.m. Items include: homemade stuffed mozzarella with prosciutto, vol au vent filled with seafood champagne, scallops, shrimp and mushrooms, classic lobster bisque, veal escalopine forestiéére, Grand Marnier cake with Grand Marnier crêême anglaise and chocolate and praline (Gianduja) mousse cake with hot chocolate sauce. For reservations, call 631-506-0777 ext. 4.

Matto will be celebrating with a $45 three-course prix fixe on December 31. The menu will be available from 6 to 9 p.m., with a champagne toast from 9 p.m. to midnight. Reservations are required. The menu includes: Gamberoni alla Matto, large prawns toasted with garlic and cilantro pepperoncini champagne sauce; Tartare di Tonno, diced ahi tuna with tobiko wasabi caviar, capers, shallots and spicy mayonnaise; Bistecca al pepe verde, steak au poivre; Dentice in brodetto bianco, steamed red snapper, Sauvignon blanc, olive oil and lyonnese potatoes; and bananas foster. For more information, call 631-329-0200.

Rowdy Hall will serve lunch until 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24 and New Year's Eve, December 31 and will be open on New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1 for lunch and dinner. Call 631-324-8555 for more information. **Townline BBQ** will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve, but will be open New Year's Day from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. For details, call 631-537-2271. **Nick & Toni's** will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, but will open New Year's Eve and New Year's Day for dinner at 6 p.m. The New Year's Eve menu will feature a la carte specials such as Campari house-cured Salmon, house-made foie gras for $18, bucatini with lobster "all" arrabbiata for $32, grilled natural veal chop with truffled Balsam Farm Potatoes for $48, chocolate and roasted banana ice cream sandwich for $12 and handmade chocolates. For reservations, call 631-324-3550.

Legends Restaurant will be open on Christmas Eve until 8 p.m., New Year's Eve until 10 p.m., New Year's Day for dinner and will close on Christmas Day. The regular menu will be offered along with holiday specials. Call 734-5123 for further information. Grappa Wine Bar will also be open Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve from 5 to 10:30 p.m. serving the regular menu with holiday specials. The restaurant will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For details, call 631-725-0055.

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SUNDAY, 21

LATKE FEST – 12/21 – 3 to 4:30 p.m. $5 per person donated to benefit The Sag Harbor Food Pantry. The Conservative Synagogue of the Hamptons. Chanukah Menorah lighting at the Long Wharf in Sag harbor. 5 p.m.

OLIVER – 12/21 – Bay Street Theatre. Sag Harbor. 2 p.m. 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 20; and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 21. Oliver! is a glorious musical filled with unforgettable songs, dancing, and heart, guaranteeing a night filled with laughter, tears, and a lifting of the spirit. Tickets for Oliver! are only $15 and can be purchased by calling the Bay Street Theatre box office at 631-725-9500.

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MONDAY, 22

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NARROW LANE- Narrow Lane Clean-up. 8AM-9AM. Meet at Narrow and Norris Lanes, Bridgehampton. Bring gloves. Dai Dayton, 631-745-0689.

SUNDAY, 21

THE MARAINE HIKE- The Moraine Hike. 12:30 p.m.-3 p.m. Meet at the parking lot next to the Waterside Condos on Long Beach Road, Noyac. 5+ miles along the glacial moraine to Whiskey Hill. Hilly. Bill Schildknecht, 631-725-2888.

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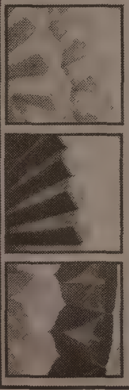

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THE RETREAT IS OPEN

Dear Dan,

To paraphrase Mark Twain, the reports of our death are highly exaggerated! There has been a rumor circulating in the community that the Retreat is closing its doors. Not true. We have, on the contrary, listed our administrative office building for sale (located on Goodfriend Drive) so as to expand our financial options during these difficult economic times. The Shelter is not for sale, and its operation – and the daily functions of our staff – will not be affected.

We remain totally dedicated and committed to the mission we serve: providing safety, shelter and support for victims of domestic abuse, and breaking the cycle of family violence.

In addition, we are currently interviewing applicants for the position of executive director, and look forward to this person taking the Retreat to even higher levels of service and excellence for the clients we serve. We need your help, and that of your readers. The statistics tell an alarming story:

·· Globally at least one in three women has been beaten, coerced into sex, or otherwise abused during her lifetime.

·· Studies suggest that between 3.3-10 million children witness some form of domestic violence annually.

·· Between September and December 2008, the Retreat's shelter occupancy surged upward by 26%, to full capacity!

·· Recently, the Retreat's counseling, hotline and advocacy services increased by an estimated 36%.

Through your donations and continuing support, the Retreat has been, and will continue to be, the place "where violence ends and hope begins."

Richard Demato,
President, The Retreat Board of Directors
Via e-mail

Glad to dispel rumors. – DR

SPARE CHANGE?

Dear Dan,

With the recent nomination of Tom Daschle to be Health and Human Services Secretary, what's overlooked by most media is that former Democratic Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle was a frequent critic of President George Bush when he attempted to appoint lobbyists or those with strong ties to lobbyists for government positions. In recent years, Daschle has served as a highly paid adviser to health care clients at the law and lobbying firm Alston & Bird. President elect Barack Obama has now nominated Daschle for Secretary of Health and Human Services. Seems like the famous "K" Street lobbyists have just opened shop across the street to influence a Democratic Party-controlled White House and Congress. Political quid pro quo between lobbyists and those in power, be it Republican or Democrat, appears to be alive and well in Washington. So much for the "change" Obama promised us. I guess voters will have to wait four years till the next Presidential election to seek a "refund."

Larry Penner
Great Neck, New York
Via e-mail

We shall see what we shall see, but first Obama has to fix the economic mess he's inherited. – DR

WHOA OH OH OH ... ON THE RADIO

Dear Editor,

Thank you for this wonderful article ["Easy Listening," December 12, by Managing Editor Susan Galardi]. So many times I have had a similar conversation with myself about this. Except, I like cigarettes. Job well done! :)

Victoria L. Cooper
Via e-mail

Hope it helps to end that self-talk. – SG

CITY OF IMMIGRANTS

Dear Dan,

Re: Your article 11/21, "A Murder In……" you commented that [Suffolk County Executive Steve] Levy has not yet repealed the anti-Hispanic laws that his administration has passed..."

In response for millions of legal, hard working, tax paying Americans, we would say that his laws are aimed at any and all illegal aliens in Suffolk County. The fact that the vast majority happens to be Hispanic is not our fault; they are the ones who are in our country illegally. Utilizing our schools, our hospitals, our law enforcement (too many, unfortunately, for imprisonment) and many of our other services at little or no cost to them. Too many are living in overcrowded housing that is unsafe and illegal, and for which they do not pay their fair share of property and school taxes to support their illegal use of our services.

To dodge or confuse hard truths about racial, ethnic issues by reporting them in different descriptive terms like "undocumented immigrant" or "newcomers" versus illegal aliens is in itself a form of bigotry. Try showing the same compassion for hard working American citizens who pay all of their taxes and are being forced to foot the bill for illegal aliens as well. These people are here in this country illegally; they are breaking our laws.

"J"
Amagansett
Via e-mail

Both deserve respect. We were all once "illegal" immigrants. – DR

Police Blotter

Dog Statue

A dog statue, one of two, was stolen from a front porch in East Hampton. There was no sign of forced entry. The statue of the dog was estimated to be worth around $1,500. Looks like a job for Ace Ventura, Pet Statue Detective.

Boat Broke

A man winterizing his boat in Sag Harbor reported that somebody broke into it and stole items on board, including electronic equipment and a pair of expensive binoculars. The man is no longer going to winterize his boat at the yard.

Cell Phone Charger

A woman reported to police that her LG cell phone charger was stolen, worth an estimated $50. She gave police the name of the person whom she thought stole it. Nobody is too certain why a $50 LG would require a $50 charger.

Strike In The Head

A man was struck in the head with a banana at a bar/restaurant in Sag Harbor. The man reported that he believed the suspect was, and we quote here, "Bananas."

Not Welcome

A group of cats in Montauk has reportedly found a small home by a garbage dumpster at a Montauk restaurant. The cats have drawn complaints and it's not the meowing that is the issue.

Stealing

In Southampton, a man was caught stealing from cars after police received an anonymous phone call. The man was caught stealing a handbag and credit cards from the vehicles.

Fake ID

A man gave a fake ID to a police officer after he was caught drinking and driving. The clever man just ended up getting charged with DWI as well as false impersonation after the officer discovered the ID was fake.

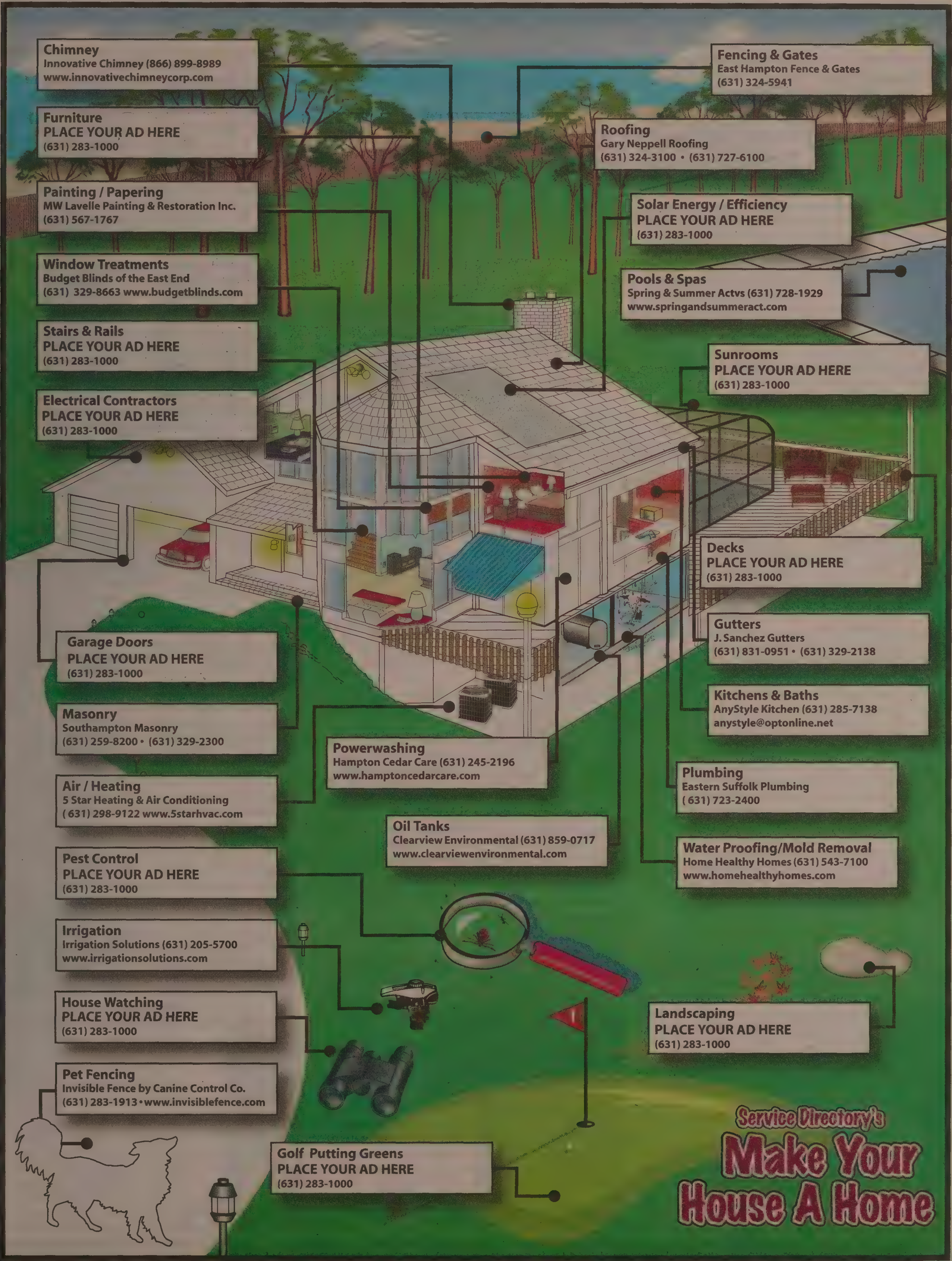
Crashed Into Police

A woman in Southampton crashed into a police vehicle while driving along County Road 39 at 2 a.m. Prior to the collision, she nearly struck a police officer and a pedestrian. She fled the scene and was caught by police hiding in her bedroom and was subsequently arrested. For those of you who don't know, crashing into a police officer and then thinking you can drive off and hide is very, very dumb.

Open Beverage

A man was consuming a beer in the middle of the street in Hampton Bays. He had just bought the beer from a local supermarket and decided to crack it open and take a swig. He was observed by a police officer and was arrested.

By David Rattiner



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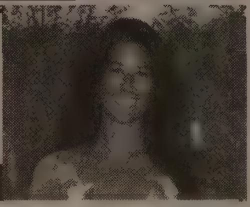

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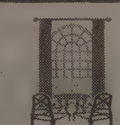

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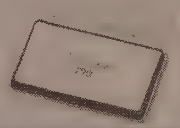

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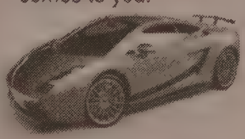

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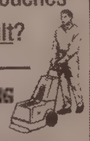

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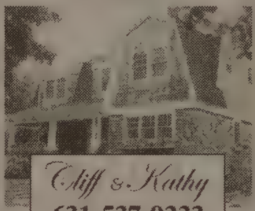

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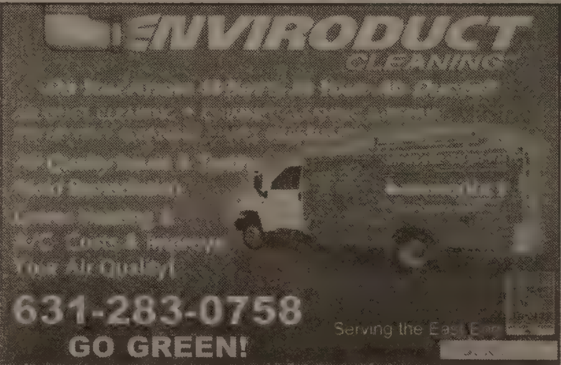

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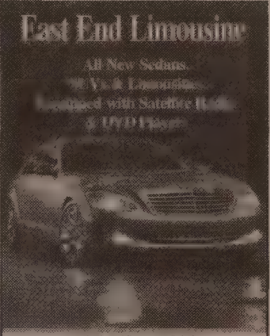

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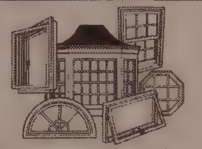

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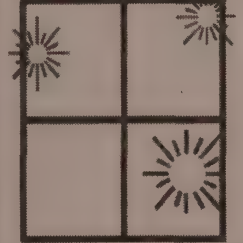

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Joy T Sieger to Kathryn B & Jeffrey Zukerman, 35 Chase Court, **3,100,000**
Margret B Taylor to Lana E & Benjamin P Welsh, 944 Mecox Rd, **2,750,000**
Robert Rufino to Laura M & Kurt M Steltenpohl, 162 Hildreth Lane, **1,485,000**
CUTCHOGUE
Mary Jane & Eugene Bolter to Nan Molofsky, 510 Bayberry Road, **2,206,250**
EAST HAMPTON
Forst & Silverblank Inc to Richard Pollack Trust, 45 Sherrill Road, **2,600,000**
Stuart Pittman Trust to Randi R & Paul S Barrett, 84 Osborne Ln, **1,100,000**
NORTH HAVEN
Regina Deutsch Trust to Edward Bulgin, 11 Mashomuck Drive, **2,500,000**
QUOGUE
JSK Capital Inc to Michael J Pizzi, 50 Old Meeting House Road, **1,250,000**
SAG HARBOR
CSC Acquisition NY Inc to Sagvine Properties LLC, 775 Middle Line Hwy, **1,350,000**
SAGAPONACK
Stephen Levine to Ronald W Goldberg, 240 Narrow Lane East, **1,500,000**
SOUTHAMPTON
HDA Parish LLC to Robert Tillis, 34 Parrish Pond Lane **3,450,000**
238 OTR Associates LLC to Town of Southampton, 238 Old Town Rd., **2,600,000**
Patrick J Badolato to Michael Schessel, 20 Lake Drive, **1,150,000**
Hamptons Little Neck LLC to South Crossing LLC, 9 Pond Crossing #15, **1,349,000**
SOUTHOLD
Estate of Douglas F Creighton to Joseph Battaglia, 2000 Hobart Rd, **2,400,000**
WATER MILL
Mark Caligiuri to Nadia Abuel-Haj, 69 Swans Neck Lane, **2,600,000**
Estate of Robert Watson Munford to Martin Guy Kern, 1833 Deerfield Rd, **1,350,000**
WESTHAMPTON BEACH
Robert I Tillis to Steven & Beth Moses, 7 Stillwaters Lane, **2,750,000**

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CUTCHOGUE
Geraldine Meaney to Michael Heagerty, 10550 Nassau Point Rd, **950,000**
Heather H & Carlton Roberts to Deborah Dellis, 36960 Main Rd, **510,000**
EAST QUOGUE
Jacqueline Krentzel to Matthew Setzer, 7 Friese Drive, **500,000**
GREENPORT
Leslie C Christensen to Patricia Hammes, 603 Main Street, **660,000**
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Robert G Lauriguet to Laurel Stone Supply Plus Inc, 7055 Main Rd., **825,000**
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Heater Trust to Kathleen & Cyrille Briancon, 6130 Indian Neck Lane, **690,000**
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Joseph D Ciampa to Rose & Dominick Ciampa, 18 Dune Road, **544,000**
RIVERHEAD
Riverhead Reeves Associates LLC to Maricarmen Milan-Perez, 111 Bellflower Ct., **517,000**
SHELTER ISLAND
Lucy & Curtis R Schmitt to Bryan & Beth Hanypsiak, 46 Country Club Dr., **885,000**
SOUTHOLD
Giuseppe & Cristina Como to Landers Family Trust, 800 Lakeside Dr., **975,000**
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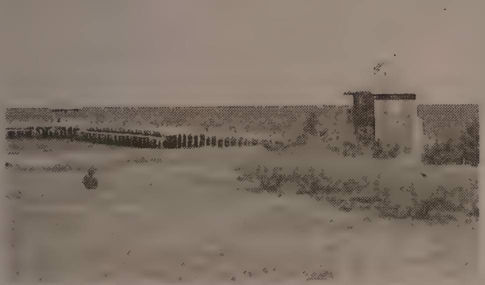

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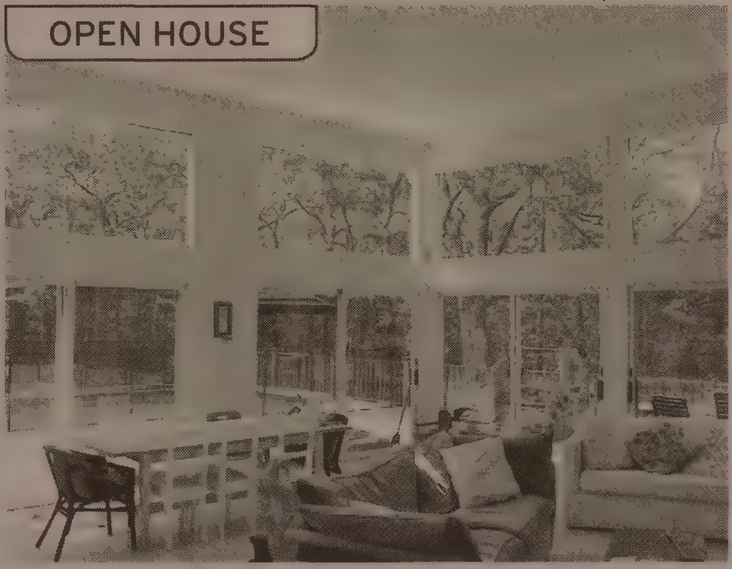

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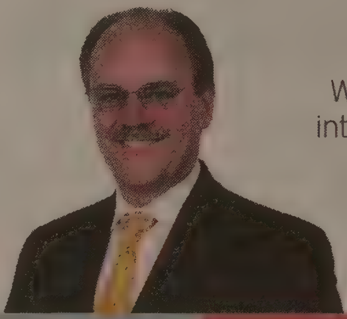

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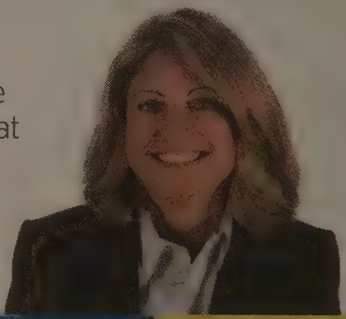

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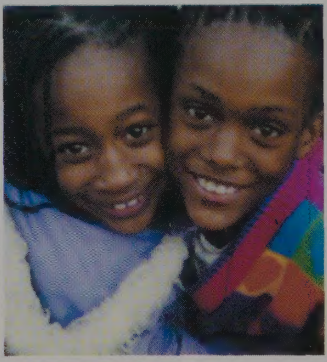

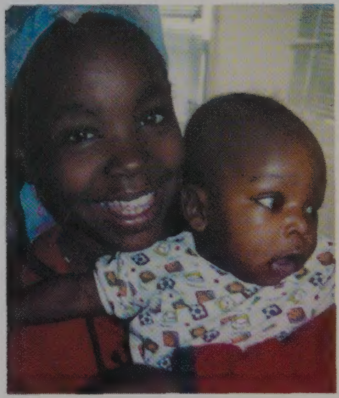

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